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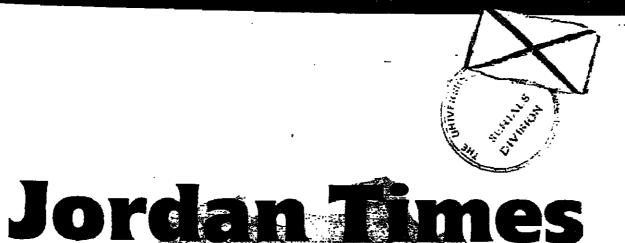
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the members left earner, while, to stayed behind in Hebron to clear up administrative matters, spokesman Bjarno Soerensen said. At Palesine Liberation Organisation (PLO) insistence, the 116 observers were deployed in the town on May 8 after the massacre. TIPH believes it had nearly fulfilled its mission in Hebron, only a few points are still unsolved," Mr. Soerensen said last week. He thereof to efforts to reopen the Brahimi Message where a line of the property of the prope referred to efforts to reopen the Ibrahimi Mosque, where a Jewish referred the filled more than 30 worshippers on Feb. 25, and the town's regetable market near a Jewish settlers' district. Many Hebron residents expressed fear that the Israeli army would resume heavy-handed measures after the TIPH departure.



Yemen denies allowing Jews to Israel

SANAA (R) - Yemen on Monday denied reports that negotia tions were under way to bring Yemen's remaining Jews to Israel. "Yemen is not allowing its Jews to go to Israel directly or indirectly." Yemen official in Sanaa told Reuters. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, asked about news reports that Yemen wa prepared to let its few remaining Jews go, said on Monday: "I heard this morning same as you. I know there are negotiations being conducted." About 1,000 Jews still live in Yemen, a Yemeni official said last year. Almost the entire Jewish community of 45,000 migrated to Israel in an early 1950s airlift but Sanaa has consistently denied reports it facilitated this or other departures. consistently denied reports it facilitated this or other departures "Yerreri Jews are citizens enjoying the same rights and obligations as other citizens. Like other citizens, they have the right to travel anywhere in the world except Israel," the official said. Yemeni officials told Reuters in Sanaa last year that the government could not stop Yemeni lews from travelling to Israel if they did so through another country.

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King hosts Rabin, expresses confidence peace that transforms people's life will be achieved

HM underlines distinction between possible visits to Jerusalem and Israel Rabin affirms commitment • Christopher unveils move to help Jordan

From Nermeen Murad in Agaba

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein held a landmark summit with Israeli Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin here on Monday and said afterwards he felt confident of bringing about a peace that would put the suffering of war and conflict behind and herald a new

"We are friends and partpers moving with determinawards building the foundations for a comprehensive peace in the region," the King told a press conference he held jointly with Mr. Rabin and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who also attended the Aqaba

"I am very happy to have." his opportunity once again to reiterate what not only I feel but I am proud the overwhelming majority of people is lordan feel in terms of a commitment to peace and the future that is the right of generations to come to enjoy and protect and thrive under," said the King.

King Hussein sought to tress the distinction between mic holy sites in Jerusalem and Hebron as "a Hashemite, Muslim, Jordanian Arab" and visiting Israel as a head of state.

The King said that there were "two dimensions" to his asswer in response to a question on when he will visit

"One is obviously the invitation I received from the

president of Israel and I hope that it will be arranged sometime soon and we will definitely give enough warning in time when it does happen," the King said.
"The other dimension is

the visit to the holy sites in Jerusalem and Hebron," the King added. "That is something that has not yet materialised in terms of specific dates but I have said in the past and I repeat again that I believe it is my right as a Hashemite Muslim Jordanian Arab to visit these holy places and I hope I will be able to do so before too long." Officials here said that the

distinction in itself was not new to Jordan's position towards the holy sites in Jerusalem, but they said that Monday's statements by the King were the furthest he had caretaker of the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, a role that was underlined in the Washington Declaration of

The declaration, which recognised Jordan's historic role in the holy shrines of Jeru-Liberation Organisation (PLO) which saw the recognition as preempting final status in talks on the Holy City due to start in two years time (see page 12).

A senior Jordanian official told the Jordan Times following the King's talks with Mr. Rabin and Mr. Christopher

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Israelis cheer His Majesty King Hussein as he takes Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher on a cruise through the Gulf of Aqaba after a summit meeting on

Crown Prince and Rabin open crossing, voice hope for total peace

From Ghadeer Taher at the Agaba-Eilat border post

AT THIS windswept desert outpost, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Monday cut a white ribbon opening the Aqaba-Eilat border crossing linking the two Red Sea port cities — a passage between

Formerly a minefield separating the two countries, the "Aqaba Crossing," which will be only open to third country nationals for the time being, was inaugurated in an emotional ceremony attended by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The two Israeli officials were the first to actually use the crossing point this morning as they drove from Eilat past the crossing to the podium set up for the midmorning ceremony attended by dignitaries, the families of martyrs killed in successive Arab-Israeli wars, officials

and journalists. "(The Agaba-Eilat border crossing) is only the first step in the long search to realise our vision of normal and harmonious good neigh-



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin cut a ribbon opening the 'Araba Crossing' on Mon-

opher (centre) watches (Photo by Yousef Al'Allan)

Hassan told the audience of Jordanians, Israelis and Americans sitting on Israeliprovided bleachers.

soon our peoples will be able to share, exchange and marvel at their common legacy, said the Crown Prince in his "Let this gateway be a speech emphasising realism

bourliness," Crown Prince token of our resolve that and economic inlerdependence as the means of building human relations.

The Crown Prince, who stressed the necessity that peace must directly affect the lives of those "who bore the

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France congratulates **israel and Jordan**

PARIS (AFP) — France congramlated Israel and Jordan Monday for moving towards normal relations, as the two countries opened their first border crossing, and direct air and telephone links. The confidence measures "are of a kind which will help development of Israeli-Jordanian talks and strengthen peace efforts in the Midde East," said foreign ministy spokesman Richard Du-

Turkish jets hit Kurds in Iraq

ANKARA (AP) — Turkish jets bombed a Kurdish rebel amp across the border in morthern Iraq on Monday, the fifth such attack since July 26. The air strike took place in the Sinat region, some 15 kilometres from the Tarkish border, the military said. The statement said the air strike caused casualties but it did not give details. The previous air strikes killed 280 Kurdish rebels, according to the military statement.

Kabul demands U.N. observers

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Alghanistan called Monday for the stationing of United Nations observers to monitor the flow of foreign military assistance to rival factions engaged in a bloody struggle for Power. The U.N. should appoint observers and devise a mechanism to monitor the War-ravaged country's borders, Afghan President Burhanudin Rabbani's spedal envoy Masood Khalili told a news conference here. Mr. Khalili reiterated Kabul's line that its northern heighbour Uzbekistan was leiping the militia of ethnic Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum. "The flow of foreign unlitary help is worrying

Christopher sees long road ahead for Israel, Syria

AQABA (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, after talks with Israeli and Syrian leaders, said on Monday that both countries still "have a great distance to go" to make

Speaking during a groundbreaking Israeli-Jordanian summit in Jordan, Mr. Christopher said his meetings this week with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "have begun to lay the groundwork for progress to-

wards peace."
"During this trip I had a good meeting with Prime Minister Rabin not long after I arrived on Saturday night, and then yesterday I met for five hours with President Assad in Damascus," Mr. Christopher told a news conference in Agaba.

Israeli-Syrian talks, seen as the key to an overall Middle East settlement, have been deadlocked for years in wrangling over the strategic Golan Heights.

"We have a great distance to go there but the parties are very serious about the matter, and as I said, I think these meetings on the region have begun to lay the groundwork for progress toward peace," Mr. Christopher

Mr. Rabin said Mr. Christopher may cancel a planned return trip to Syria on Tues-

day. Mr. Rabin made his remark during the press conference when he was asked whether Mr. Christopher would return to the United States Tuesday if he did not obtain a positive Israeli response to Syrian proposals. "Mr. Christopher was cer-

tainly not expecting all problems to be solved during this

visit," Mr. Rabin said.

after our meeting this evening, he decided to return to the United States.

Mr. Christopher, who is on his third Middle East tour in as many months, visited Syria on Sunday and was expected to return there Tuesday after visiting Jordan on Monday. He was to meet Mr. Rabin in occupied Jerusalem Mon-

day evening to discuss the outcome of his talks with President Assad on breaking the deadlock in Israeli-Syrian "I was not expecting substantial progress during this

visit by Christopher. I don't suppose there will be a sudden breakthrough in negotia-tions with Syria," Mr. Rabin said before the meeting. "The continuation of

Christopher's visits is very important to clarify each side's positions and to close the gap between us, which is

"The Syrians have a great desire to reach peace but the problem is the price they are willing to pay."

"I do not despair of ever reaching peace with Syria but it won't happen tomorrow." A senior U.S. official told reporters that "for the moment, I can tell you that we are returning to Washington tomorrow."

In Damascus on Sunday, Mr. Christopher said he discussed in detail all elements of a possible Middle East peace during five hours of talks with Mr. Assad, their

longest meeting yet.

Mr. Assad "presented Syria's views and stressed Syria's seriousness about working to achieve the objective of the peace process, presidential spokesman Joubran Kourie told Reuters. There was no immediate sign of a breakthrough.

In Aqaba on Monday.

"So it is not impossible that King Hussein said he hoped

for a comprehensive Middle East peace.

know that President Assad feels the need to move towards that objective and has made that commitment. So it is our hope that we will see progress on all tracks leading to the comprehensive peace that we seek," the King said. Mr. Rabin termed Mr.

Christopher's shuttle important in clarifying positions. "The gaps between our positions and the Syrians' are still deep and broad," Mr. Rabin told Israeli reporters later. But he added: "Syria wants peace, the problem is the price, the timing, the timet-

The Syrian government daily Tishrin said Monday Israel was refusing to respect international law and U.N. resolutions demanding its withdrawal from occupied Arab lands, which would lead to "fair and comprehensive

peace" in the region.

The paper said there was "nothing on the horizon" to give hope for such a peace settlement, because Israel "is still manoeuvering to get round international resolutions and make separate deals (with the Arabs) which undermine the goal of

peace." The Syria Times daily said Monday there were "no grounds for optimism" fol-lowing the Christopher-Assad talks.

The paper branded the Israeli position as "intransigent," and said "Syria is not in a hurry and it will not stand in a queue begging for

Mr. Assad listened carefully to Mr. Christopher's complaints about the fundamentalist group Hizbollah but did not give him "any set

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Rabin, Arafat to meet on snags

CAIRO (Agencies) — A summit meeting between Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israel's prime minister is being worked out to overcome persistent snags in implementing the Gaza-Jericho accord, the chief PLO negotiator said

Nabil Shaath said the meeting could be held Wednesday, Israel Radio re-ported Mr. Arafat would meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Erez crossing between the Gaza Strip and

In Aqaba, Mr. Rabin said he was likely to meet Mr. Arafat at the Israel-Gaza border on Wednesday.

"It is very possible that we shall meet, not just me but an Israeli group, with Arafat and a group, at the Erez checkpoint on Wednesday," Mr. Rabin told a news conference. "It is not completely finalised yet."

Dr. Shaath, here to negotiate a broadening of the autonomy pact between the two sides, complained that major parts of the accord signed in May granting autonomy to Gaza and Jericho still have not been

implemented. He accused the Israelis of trying to shunt aside such issues as release of Palestinian prisoners, passage between Jericho and Gaza, and control of crossing points into the self-rule zones.

"These issues have to be discussed on the highest level because if these problems are not solved, the whole peace process will not move," he

An Israeli official said Monday Mr. Arafat and the 18 members of his governing national authority will be issued special passes by Israel to travel between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Mr. Arafat and Mr. Rabin

last met on July 6 in Paris,

where they received a U.N.

Israel agreed in its May 5 accord with the PLO to set up "safe passages" for Palestinians to travel between Gaza

But the routes have not yet

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been established, and Mr. Arafat has complained that he cannot get to Jericho from his headquarters in Gaza. His only visit to the town

was in an Egyptian air force helicopter on July 5.

Hannie Jeshurun, spokeswoman for Danny Rothschild, said Mr. Araat and the council members would get special travel passes "in the near future ... to go to Israel and the West Bank and Jordan."

General Rothschild is Rabin's special coordinator for the territories and chief negotiator in the Cairo talks. Dr. Shaath complained the

holdup in implementing the accord was hindering the PLO's ability to negotiate and 'weakening the Palesti-nian leadership in front of its own public." Gen. Rothschild said that

the problems were still being worked on by several Israeli-PLO committees and added: "They are doing the best they

Dr. Shaath said the Israelis agreed to move forward on some of the problems after Mr. Arafat's meeting Saturday in Alexandria with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Egyptian

He also said Israel had calmed Palestinian fears that the Jordan-Israel accord, which assigns a special role to Jordan in protecting Jeru-salem's Islamic holy places, would challenge Palestinian claims in Jerusalem.

President Hosni Mubarak.

Israeli officials assured him that the negotiations on the final status of the Holy City would be "only between the Palestinians and Israel," Dr. Shaath said.

The PLO negotiator said he hoped the present negotiations in Cairo could finish this week on the final issues of transferring control of taxation and tourism to Palestinians throughout the West Bank. Gen. Rothschild said he was uncertain when the talks would be completed.

Peres Lebanon flareup over, but attacks continue

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres on Monday declared the recent series of attacks on the Lebanon border over and the gave Syria credit for reigning in pro-Iranian Hizbollah guerrillas.

Mr. Peres, speaking to re-porters on board U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's airplane, also said that further progress had been made in peace negotiations with Syria.

Asked about the violent incidents pitting Israel against Hizbollah in South ebanon, Mr. Peres said:

"The fact is, it's over." He said that the Israelis had told Mr. Christopher that Syria was in a position to stop the shooting. Asked if Syria

pressured Hizbollah to stop

the violence, Mr. Peres said:

"We feel there must be a Syrian contribution to end this story."

He said he thought that

Syria acted because "they're trying to create the conditions which are necessary to continue the negotiations' with Israel that are being

mediated by the U.S. "I think it's an important gesture to continue the peace negotiations," he said.

On the status of negotiations between Syria and Israel, which have been the focus of Christopher's trip to the region this week, Mr. Peres said: "My impression is further progress was made."

But he refused to give any details and stressed that "we are not at the end of the road. There is still real work to be

Hizbollah fighters mean-

while fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns in a hit-and-run raid on an outpost of Israeli-allied militiamen in Lebanon, provoking artillery retaliation. security sources said.

Hizbollah claimed it killed and wounded several South Lebanon Army (SLA) soldiers in the attack. But security sources said there had been no casualties.

The attack was a signal that Syria has not moved to curb Hizbollah attacks in South Lebanon despite Mr. Christopher's expression of concern about Hizbollah in his talks Sunday with Syrian President

Hafez Al Assad. Mr. Christopher, who arrived in the region Saturday on his fourth peacemaking shortle in three months, earlier Sunday called for res-

traint on all sides. Syria, with 40,660 troops in Lebanon, holds sway over its neighbour and controls arms supply routes from tran to Hizbollah.

Hizbollah claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn rand on the Rashaf post at one edge of the western secto, a: a border enclave Israel holds in South Lebanon.

Security sources said SLA gunners of Israel's surrogate SLA militia responded with Howitzer barrages on villages of Hafra and Yater facing Rashaf outside the "security

zone. Israeli tanks deployed near Rashaf also took part in the retaliatory bombardment.

said the sources. There was no report of casualties from Kafra and

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Saddam urges Iran to repatriate Iraqi prisoners, planes

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Ira-qi President Saddam Hussein urged Tehran Monday to free Iraqi prisoners held since the 1980-88 conflict between the two states and to return to Baghdad planes he sent to Iran for safekeeping during the Gulf war.

Only then, he said, "would relations be put back on the right track.

The Iraqi president's remarks came in a speech to mark the sixth anniversary of

the end of the Iran-Iraq war.
In excerpts carried by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) and monitored in Cyprus, President Saddam said Iran had "twice been manipulated by the enemies of the Arabs and Islam."

The first time, he said, was when "the Tehran rulers waged a war that lasted for eight years... then kept Iraqi prisoners even though we had released all theirs.

He said Tehran rulers later demonstrated "their blind animosity" by refusing to send back planes Iraq sent to Iran for safekeeping when U.S.-led coalition forces attacked Iraq and evicted its army from Kuwait during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

"Iraq's door for honest reltions between Muslims and neighbours was and will remain open to everybody, in-cluding Iran," he said. Iraq says it won the 1980-

88 war against Iran and celebrates "Victory Day" on Aug. 8, which is when a U.N. sponsored ceasefire took

Iran and Iraq have ex-changed more than 75,000 prisoners of war since the end of the war, but the International Committee of the Red Cross says that there are still around 20,000 Iraqi soldiers in Iran and at least 1.000 Iranians in Iraq.

Iraq claims it sent 170 planes to Iran, but Iran said there were only 27. Iran had said it will keep the planes as partial payment for billions of

dollars in war damage it seeking from Baghdad.

A newspaper published by President Saddam's eldest son, Uday, said on Sunday there was no sign the U.N. Security Council would ease curbs on its stringent trade blockade on Baghdad.

"Nothing has happened so far to indicate readiness of the superpowrs to take unilateral actions to ease or lift the embargo," the newspaper Babel said in an editorial.

"The same thing applies to the other states which have been sending their delegations and businessmen to discuss cooperation with Iraq when the sanctions are lifted but not before."

Sanctions, imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, prohibit Iraqi exports of oil — virtually its only source of foreign earnings - and imports of anything except food and medi-

The usual view of Iraq's state-controlled media was reflected in Al Thawra newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, which said sanctions had failed to humble Iraq and support for them was crumbling outside the United

However, Babel doubted the sincerity of countries that have questioned U.S. policy such as France and Russia but were not willing to give stronger support to Iraq. It warned against using Iraq as a "card in the market of international bargaining."

Sanctions are reviewed by the Security Council every two months, with the next session in September. Britain and the United States have been the most adamant about refusing any easing of sanc-U.S. President Bill Clinton

on Friday said he would keep sanctions in place, accusing Iraq of encouraging attacks on the U.N. and relief work-

Israelis, Jordanians exchange souvenir

of Jordanian and Israeli men who died in wars fought between their countries since 1948 shook hands on Monday across a new border crossing. Families of fallen soldiers from each side met in the middle, shook hands and exchanged gifts. War from Israel and Jordan then did the same. It was a symbolic gesture marking their desire to help forge fall peace as they stood on a line literally astride the border. Earlier, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin cat a white ribbon marking the official opening of the border for third-

country nationals close to

the Agaba in Jordan and

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Threats signal Algerian factions' power struggle

ALGIERS (AFP) - Algerian and French authorities are on alert after Algerian Muslim fundamentalists threatened to step up a terror

campaign.

But the warnings issued by the extremists also signal that stakes have been raised in a bitter power struggle be-tween rival militant factions waging the Algerian in-surgency, according to obser-

In Paris, the interior ministry said that police reinforcements were being drafted into the capital.

Police also spoke of a wave of identity and security checks a day after the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) ac-cused France of having "de-clared war on... the Algerian Muslim people." . The AIS threatened in a

statement to AFP to exact reprisals unless France released 17 suspected Algerian Islamic militants being de-tained in barracks in Folembray, northeast France.

The 17 have been held under interior ministry orders following the assassination Thursday by suspected fun-damentalists of five French government officials on the outskirts of Algiers. bar regions, is the armed wing of the Islamic Salvation

Meanwhile, in Algeria Saturday gunmen shot dead a senior university academic, Abdul Kader Rebiha, 42, in the town of Blida, 50 kilometres south of Algiers. state radio said:

Rebiha, the third top academic to be killed since the end of May, was gunned down hours after the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) in a statement ordered all Algerian schools and universities to close or face destruction by arson attacks or bombings.

Observers noted that the declarations appeared to be the latest shots in the war between the GIA and th AIS for overall control of the fundamentalist factions involved in the two-and-a-halfyear insurgency against Algeria's secular military-

The AIS, which officials estimate comprises several thousand militants and has its strongholds in Algeria's

mountainous Jijel and Zbar-

Front (FIS). The FIS has spearheaded the issurection launched after the voiding by the military of elections it was poised to

Until now the AIS's official. policy has been to refrain from attacking foreigners inside Algeria.

And it threatened last May to "liquidate 20 members" of the GIA to punish it for having announced the uni-fication of all the armed Islamic groups under its author-

It is unclear whether that threat was carried out. But Algerian security sources said Sunday that the AIS had killed 10 GIA members last month, including Mouloud

Hatab, the head of its eastern coastal division and a GIA founder.

The more longstanding, radical GIA-is said to number around 2,500 men based in and around the major central Algerian towns such as Algiers, Blida, Medea and

Aspiring to bring all armed Islamic Algerians under its umbrelia, the GIA has claimed responsibility for the majority of the 56 killings of foreigners in Algeria documented over the last six months, including the five French officials killed Thurs-

It warned Algerian teachers and students Saturday to stay away from schools and universities in the new academic year or face death.

"The school or university which remains open will be the target of a fire or an explosion until all obey the GIA's order," the GIA said

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Egypt holding 10,000 for security reasons

CAIRO (AFP) — Some 10,000 people are being held in Egyptian prisons for reasons of state security, Interior Minister Hassan AI Alfi said in an interview published Sunday. It was the first time an Egyptian government official had put forward any figures relating to the number ornicial nad put forward any figures relating to the number of political detainees, most of whom are Muslim militants. He told the magazine "Rose Al Yousef" the 10,000 were "extremely dangerous detainees" and "activists" who once released would reoffend. Several non-government once released would reoffend. Several non-government once released would reoriend. Several non-government organisations have said in the past that between 10,000 to 20,000 people are being held. Militants launched a violent campaign in March 1992 to topple the secular government of President Hosni Mubarak. About 400 people including 142 police officers have died in the ensuing clashes. But the fundamentalists' activities have been sharply curtailed in recent months after Egyptian security services killed several militant leaders in shootouts, police said. General Alfi, quoted Sunday by the official agency MENA, also said 35 militants who had fled Egypt had been returned to Egyptian authorities without elaborating which countries had handed them over. Egypt recently signed an extradition agreement with Pakistan where many militants sought refuge after fighting in Afghanistan against the Soviet

Iranian jailed in Kuwait for killing sister

KUWAIT (R) - A Kuwaiti criminal court on Sunday sentenced an Iranian man to 10 years in prison for killing his married sister, whom he thought was having an affair, the official Kuwait News Agency said. Mohammad Burashid, 21, stabbed his sister, Husna, 37, more than 2 times in the chest and stomach in the belief she was seeing another man whenever her husband left their home to spend time with his second wife, the agency said late on Sunday. Burashid will be expelled from Kuwait at the end of his imprisonment, the agency, which gave no further

30 killed in clashes between Kurdish groups

ERBIL (AFP) — At least 30 civilians were killed in clashes between rival Kurdish groups in northern Iraq, officials en both sides said Sunday. Some 30 people were wounded in the fighting which broke out Saturday and continued late Sunday between the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) led by Ialal Talabani and the Kurdistan Islamic League (KIL), the sources said. The clashes with heavy weapons regard in the Qalaat Diza area near the Iranian border. Abdul Ilah, a senior member of the pro-Iranian KIL led by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Osman, said the PUK controlled Qalaat Diza town but the KIL held the northern and eastern outskirts. Sami Rassul, a member of the PUK, said the KIL was being helped by Iranian forces and was trying to capture Qalaat Diza. They shelled the town and destroyed three blocks of flats, killing all the people inside," he told AFP. Other Kurdish sources said the KIL was supported by members of Massud Barzani's Democratic Party of Kurdistan (DPK). About 100 people died when the DPK and the PUK clashed in May. But they announced an agreement to stop fighting over power-sharing in Paris on July 23. Two people were killed in fighting a week ago in the Sulaymaniyeh region near the Iranian border.

Fugitive trader gets Israeli passport

ZURICH (R) — Marc Rich, the fugitive commodities trader now resident in Switzerland, has been granted Israel citizenship, a Swiss newspaper reported on Sunday. Sonne tags Zeitung said Mr. Rich's office in the town of Zug. where his worldwide trading firm is based, confirmed he d become a citizen of Israel. The paper said Israel, much like Switzerland, does not extradite citizens for tax evasion and most of the time Israel grants Jewish people citizenship without problem. No independent comment was available from either Mr. Rich's firm or the Israeli embassy in Berne. Belgian-born Rich moved to Switzerland in 1984 after leaving New York with U.S. government prosecutors hot on his trail. Shortly after taking up residence in Zug, Mr. Rich was charged in the United States with various counts of tax evasion, fraud and racketeering, and is still wanted by the U.S. Justice Department. Quoting Israel newspapers, the Swiss newspaper said Mr. Rich had frequently visited Israel during the ast few months. These visits were also seen as evidence that Mr. Rich was interested in the chemical group Israel Chemicals (ICL), which is being privatised by the Israeli government. Earlier this week Mr. Rich's company said it was changing its name to Glencore International AG effective on Sept. 1 to reflect the recent restructuring and changes in ownership.

11 Kurds refused asylum in Israel

TYRE (AP) - Eleven Iraqi Kurds who crossed into Israeli-occupation territory in South Lebanon seeking asylum in the Jewish state have been sent back to government-held territory, security sources said Monday. The Kurds, two couples and their seven children aged one to 12, entered the Israeli-held "security zone" at Srobbine Friday evening and were stopped by Israeli -allied militiamen of the South Lebanon Army. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Kurds who came from Beirut sought political asylum in Israel. They were transferred by SLA and Israeli forces into a military barracks. where they spent two nights and were offered food and lodging. On Sunday night, the SLA took the Kurds to the nearby Beit Yahoun crossing point and ordered the group to head north on foot, the sources said. The Kurds were later loaded onto a Lebanese army truck and sent to all general security office in this southern port city.

Hizbollah — Israel's unrelenting enemy

Reuters

BEIRUT - As the barbed wire comes down on Middle East frontiers and former enemies end decades of hostility, the militant Hizbollah movement has emerged as Israel's toughest and most unrelenting enemy.

It is a role the Iranianinspired group cherishes

U.S. calls for its defeat and Israel threats to "crush its skull" have done nothing to shake the guerrillas' holy war against the Jewish state. Hizbollah says peace with

Israel is impossible and the state must be wiped from the Rallying to their war cry of victory or martyrdom, Hizbollah guernilas have killed

12 Israeli soldiers and wounded dozens in South Lebanon this year, the latest victims being an officer and a soldier killed in an ambush on Saturdav. They blasted northern Israel with rockets twice in

eight hours over the weekend, making good their threats to make Israeli civilians pay if civilians in South Lebanon are hurt. Israeli planes bombed an

apartment building in South

Lebanon on Thursday, killing eight civilians. Israel later apologised and said the asualties were a mistake hit by a stray bomb.

Israel, Argentina and the United States suspect Hizbollah of some role in the bombing of a Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires last month in which almost 100 people died. Israel also indicated it suspected the group might be linked to two bombs which hit Israeli and Jewish targets in London a week

The militant group threatened to hit at Israeli targets "anywhere in the world" in June after an Israeli raid

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, a driving force in the Arab-Israeli peace process, said after the bombing that Hizbollah must be defeated.

Israel says the group is 'unreachable" in terms of political messages and that it will relentlessly attack Hizbollah until it is crushed.

"The enemy must understand that the stage of threats to crush skulls has long passed... this logic does not work with our people and our re-sistance anymore." Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the group's leader, told a rally

Rameh 'honour killing' fans controversy By Gwen Ackerman accepted," said Hanan convicted are usually re-

The Associated Press

RAMEH - When the 21year-old soldier decided his older sister visiting from the United States was stain on the family honour, he killed her with 20 shots from his assault rifle.

Police said Hussam Bassam declared he was driven to the murder by the 38year-old's dyed blonde hair, miniskirts and general attitude of challenging Druze traditions.

Her father would not accept condolences, explaining that the death was akin to the amputation of an injured finger.

The tragedy in this pastoral Arab village focused attention throughout Israel and the occupied territories on honour killings, a centuries-old form of murder that had traditionally been swept into the family

. The extent of the problem is difficult to gauge. But the public response this time indicated things may be changing in Arab socie-

Family honour must be redefined and a system set up "whereby such killings will be totally unacceptable and abhorred rather than Ashrawi, a former Palestinian spokeswoman now

focusing on human rights. In traditional Arab societies, family honour rises or falls according to the women's personal and social behaviour as defined by rigid moral codes.

The Druze are considered especially rigid and secretive about their social traditions. The Druze are one of the few Arab groups that serve in the Israeli

Family honour killings are tacitly accepted, and many are disguised as suicides or accidents. Few statistics are available; only about five such deaths are recorded yearly by the social and welfare ministry among Israeli Arabs.

In the occupied territories no data is available. However, 107 women were recorded killed as suspected informers and violators of the moral code during the six-year uprising against Israeli rule.

In Israeli courts, honour killings are considered murder and perpetrators face a life sentence. In the West Bank and Gaza Strip such crimes have a maximum sentence of two years, those

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leased early. Neighbours in Rameh,

120 kilometres north of Jerusalem, provided an account of Ikhlas Bassam's death, but it was not always possible to separate fact from rumour. Ikhlas was back for a

summer visit to her native village from the New York City area, where she had gone to live with a brother about 15 year ago, and where she used the name Ruth Simons. The family has visited her there. She was outspoken about

the need for modern institutions in the Galilee, the northern Arab heartland of Israel. She went on televi-. sion in July to discuss her attempts to organise a Druze orphanage and an old people's home. But rumours flowing

through Rameh about her included an affair with an uncle in the village, an affair with a black man in the United States and a marriage out of the faith. She was also accused of running a brothel.

All villagers know for sure is that Hassam shot Ikhlas dead after an argument when she came home from the July 8 interview.

an honour at all but an argument over money that go out of hand and was disguised to be more acceptable locally.

"I am very frustrated and in despair," said Rula Deeb, a member of the Arab-Israeli feminist group Woman to Woman and a Rameh resident. "This is a very inflexible tradition. Once they believe

this is what is done," Ms. Deeb added. "She was killed because she is a woman, plain and simple." · In Rameh, a village of some 5,000 Muslim. Christian and Druze Arabs, few

she deserves to be killed,

loudly condemned the mur-When about 100 men and women demonstrated to protest the death a week. later, Rameh men called them whores, beat them, and ripped their signs. Five demonstrators and five vil-

lage men were arrested.

Still, organisers called the protest a success and noted that for the first time there was some public move against an honour killings.
This is progress, however slow," said Janan Abdul Haloul of Woman To

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Princess Basma receives Lady Graydon at QAF

amman (J.T.) — Her rity reason Royal Highness Princess Rasma Monday received security has Lady Graydon, wife of Sir Michael Graydon, chief of nterview public the British Air Staff, at the yptian govern headquarters of the Queen ting to the new Aha Fund for Social Development (QAF). The Own in a second

Lady Graydon, who was accompanied by Michael Bell, the British air attaché

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in Jordan, was briefed on the social and economic development activities implemented by QAF through its more than 40 community development centres. Lady Graydon was also briefed on the activities of the Arab Association for Women and Development as well as the Jordanian National Committee for Women, both of

which are hosted by QAF. Also present were representatives of the preparatory committee for the 1995 International Conference on Women, and the Jordanian Save the Children Fund, who talked about the

activities of their groups. Princess Basma discussed the preparations taking place for the women's conference scheduled to be held in Beijing in 1995, pointing out that Jordan was the first Arab country to submit its country paper for the conference.

Lady Graydon expressed her admiration of the Jordanian nongovernmental sector in achieving development, especially in the area of women in development.

Minister issues new import/export regulations

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the s AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf Monday issued a new been returned Swing to take effect Aug. 25. import/export regulations The regulations issued in gaing the compliance with the export and import law, exempts goods exported from Jordan from requiring export permits, with the exception of goods with an assessed value exceeding JD 1,000 exported to countries with which Jor-

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These countries are Syria, ict in the countries are syria, in the countries a Egypt, Tunisia, Kuwait and Sun all all - Rus gave

The regulations also exclude goods re-exported after the completion of customs clearance procedures and whose value is more than JD 1,000, taking into consideration that they are re-

The new regulations stipulate that fruits and vegetables, which do not require export permits regardless of their value, should be exported in accordance with regulations provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and

the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO).

They also call for coordination between the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Commerce Department and the Customs Department to provide statistical information on the exported goods.

The new regulations will allow the export of goods of Jordanian origin without the need to refer to the Ministry of Industry and Trade to obtain permits and will make it possible to export goods with only the approval of the authorities concerned, as is the case with agricultural pro-

They also prolonged the

period of export permits to six months instead of three for goods that require such permits.

The regulations also ex-

clude the export of specified goods to certain institutions. These goods are leather products allowed to be exported by the Jordan Tanning Company; petroleum derivatives, mineral oil and gas cylinders, which can be exported only by the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC); black cement which can be exported only by the Jordan Cement Factories; and gun powder, explosive materials and raw phosphate which can be exported only by the Jor-dan Phosphate Company (JPMC).

The regulations specified commodities and goods that require a recommendation before being exported. They include basic food commodities such as wheat, sugar, rice, milk and dairy products,



poultry, olive oil, biscuits and sweets. These goods require the approval of the Ministry of Supply.

The export of sheep, goats and cows require the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture, and precious metals and gold and gold currencies require the approval of the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), according to the reg-

Japan, Jordan sign agreement to train 20 Palestinian engineers JEA centre to serve as training site

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Japanese government will pay for the cost of training 20 Palestinian electrical engineers at a centre of the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), under an agreement signed on Mon-

The agreement, signed by JEA Deputy Director-General Waleed Jaouni and Japanese official Hiraoki Nakagawa, is the first of its kind.

It provides for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to finance the training of 20 Palestinian engineers from the West Bank and Gaza Strip with \$163,000, Mr. Nakagawa, head of a preliminary survey team of JICA, told the Jordan Times.

The JICA is an arm of the Japanese government. It offers a broad range of cooperation arrangements through assigning experts and volunteers in various fields, training Jordanians and helping the Kingdom conduct feasibility studies.

Over the years JICA involvement in assistance to Jordan has grown to an ex-

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister

of State Mohammad Thweib

Monday said he hoped that

moving the United Nations Relief and Works Agency

(UNRWA) offices from

Vienna to the Gaza Strip next

year would not affect the

agency's operations in Jor-

tent that the agency has opened an office in the King-

The training courses, sche-duled for Nov. 12 to March 11, aim at "providing the Palestinian participants with an opportunity to improve their knowledge and techniques in the field of electric power industry," a statement issued by the Japanese embassy said.

The course will be held once a year, from 1994 to 1998, subject to annual consultations between Japan and Jordan," it added.

"This cooperation is part

of the Japanese government assistance within the context of the (Middle East) peace process," said the statement. Japan is extending \$200 million in aid to set up infrastructure in and develop the economy of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as part of an international programme to support the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) self-rule accord which went into effect in May.

"Considering the future power grid linkage between the West Bank and Jordan, this programme is expected

'UNRWA headquarters move to Gaza

should not affect Jordan operations'

to encourage Jordanians and Palestinians to share the same knowledge and technique in the field of electric power.

No JEA official was available for immediate comment on details of the planned linkage between the Jordanian and West Bank power

Palestinian sources have said that there were plans to link the power grids of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with that of Jordan. At present, Israel is supplying the occupied territories with

There is also a plan to link the Jordanian and Israeli power grids as called for in the Washington Declaration signed by the two countries last month. The overlapping of the Israeli-Jordanian and Palestinian-Jordanian plans was not immediately explained. But, in the broader context of a linkage among all national powergrids in the region, such overlappings would not matter anyway.

experts noted. The training courses for Palestinian electrical engineers will be conducted at a JEA centre southeast of Am1980s. The Japanese government provided equipment worth nearly \$5 million and expertise to establish the centre, which is used by the JEA to train its own personnel as well as others from other Arab countries.

With the latest financing plan, Japanese contribution to technical cooperation with Jordan so far amounts to \$70 million, the Japanese embassy said.

Ahmad Hiyasat, director of the JEA's International Services Department, said in comments carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the JEA and JICA were currently operating projects worth \$300,000 to train technicians from Arab countries and the Palestinian self-rule

Eighteen Arab trainees are currently undergoing courses at the centre under financing offered by the Japanese government, he said.

According to Mr. Hiyasat, the JEA is planning to expand the activities of the centre and raise it to the level of a regional centre for training engineers and technicians in

Volunteer team helps handicapped in remote areas

AMMAN (Petra) — A team of volunteers is exerting strehandicapped in all remote areas of the Kingdom, -according to Sharifah Nofah Bint Nasser, who heads the

Sharifah Nofah said the group of volunteers include 12 experts in special education, psychiatric health,

archaeology, languages, nursing, community health mous efforts to serve the and business administration and was set up at the University of Jordan to alleviate the suffering of the handicapped and to work on integrating them into the society.

> She said the team had organised several working camps in remote areas.

team visited centres

for the handicapped in these areas and carried out voluntary works at these sites such as painting, cleaning up gar-dens, equipping game halls, organising lectures to improve the efficiency of teachers and instructors and educating families of handicapped persons on services the handicapped require.

In addition, said Sharifah Nofah, the team organised



The Ma'an Folklore group

Curtains down, curtains up, festivals run back to back

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — As the final curtain drew on the 13th Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts many points of interest raised during the 19days and nights of festivities

deserve critique. It cannot be denied that the festival attracted thousands of people of va-tious nationalities and provided opportunities for the public to spend wonderful and enlightening times in getting to know more about other cultures through

theatre. The Gerasia Forum experiment also presented several creative activities for the first

But other negative aspects should be noted to help provide constructive criticism for the benefit of future plan-

Poetry recitals, for instance were not worth attending. The Jerash Festival organisers should rely on a selection committee with more exper-

Children's theatre productions were given a back seat by the organiser in terms of facilities and other attentions. This neglect comes at a ime when children's theatre should be respected as much adult theatre, because simply children represent our fiture.

Most of the groups invited perform were not even Mccond-class groups and many visitors repeatedly in-

Quired about the absence of a ballet group.

Above all, Jerash Gov-STOOF Abdul Ghani Abduliat the festival organisers. He received no invitation to the convities, and held a press his disconference to express his disintistaction and sorrow at what was going on during the

"All facilities provided to the festival by Jerash governorate were free of charge. Jerash residents were treated badly, and their governor was not shown respect," said Mayor of Jerash Ali Qawqaza during the press confer-

The mayor had insisted on the governorate receiving a share of the festival's income.

On to Fubeis On the heels of the Jerash

Festival of Culture and Arts the curtain was raised for the fifth Fuheis Festival Sunday morning.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan opened the festival by saying that the festival by saying that the people of Jordan, equipped with planning, dedication, education and work, could absorb modernisation without sacrificing "our original values.'

Such activities as the Jerash and Fuheis festivals, said Prince Hassan, prove that Jordan is capable of introducing the best even during the most trying times. Sunday night's festivities

included the performances of three Jordanian folklore groups: the Tafileh, Azraq and Ma'an folklore groups.

The Tafileh group sang six songs, most of which were dedicated to His Majesty King Hussein. Dressed in traditional Jordanian costumes and accompanied by tablas and girbas, the all male group performed one of its famous sword dances.

Founded in 1992, the Tafileh group seeks to revive Jordanian cultural traditions, as well as handicrafts such as embroidery and sewing of folkloric dresses.

The Azraq group wearing non other than blue costumes to accompany the group's name, sang and danced before an audience of nearly

Founded in 1992, the 36-

member group took the role

of introducing Jordanian

folklore to the Fuheis Festival audience. Participating in all the national and several international festivals, the Ma'an group, accompanied by the oud, shabbaba, and girba, Arab musical instruments, entertained the young and old with several shows of Ma'ani folkloric tradition

weilding their swords and rifles with precision. The group was founded in 1981 under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor. Ten years ago, it comprised 14 members only, but now it includes 28," Abbas Hussein. founder and director of the group told the Jordan Times.

The Ma'an group performed at the Qirtaj Festival (Tunis) in 1983, Ismailia Fetival (Egypt) in 1989, Bus-ra Festival (Syria) in 1992, and Hadhar Festival (Baghdad) in 1993. They also were invited to perform in Madrid to celebrate King Hussein's birthday lat year at Jordan's embassy ceremonies there.

The Fuheis Festival will host several Arab artists during its 10-day activities. Although smaller than the Jerash Festival in setting and programme, the Fuheis Festival concentrates on the traditional aspects of our Arab World.

in Ajloun, Dibbin and Aqaba, where about 100 handicapped youth, aged be-tween eight and 20, were

She urged the general pubcontinue to offer their services to the handicapped.

teers are currently shouldering all the expenses of their work without having to hire

Team spokesperson Ali Al Waked said the group will organise a march on Sept. 2 to mark the 42nd anniversary of His Majesty King Hus-(which falls this Thursday). Mr. Waked said the march will start from the Orthodox Club in Abdoun in Amman

and will head towards the

Marriott Hotel in Shmeisani. He said the team will also organise, in cooperation with the Philadelphia Hotel, a benefit concert on Sept. 15. He added that future acti-

vities will include organising an academic camp in Al Ramtha area in October, another camp in Tafileh Govemorate the same month and an entertainment camp in Agaba in November in observance of the King's birthday.

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lic and the private sector to extend assistance to the volunteers to help them to She added that the volun-

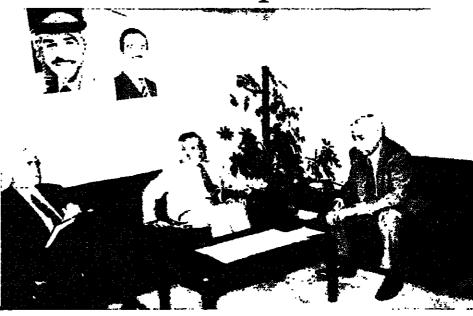
At a meeting here with UNRWA Commissioner-General Ilter Türkmen and UNRWA Director General in Jordan Dennis Brown, Mr. Thweib called on the agency to solve educational, health and environmental problems in refugee camps in Jordan, namely overcrowding in class

He urged UNRWA to extend the working hours of health clinics in the camps beyond 2 p.m., build water drainage canals and maintain streets.

He also called on UNRWA to fill the post of the agency's deputy director for education which has remained vacant

for more than a year.

The minister told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that he also asked Mr. Türkmen to study the possibility of raising the salaries of UN-RWA employees on the same footing with Jordanian government civil servants who



Monday discusses with United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

Minister of State Mohammad Thweib (R) Commissioner-General Ilter Türkmen (centre) and UNRWA Director General Jordan Dennis Brown issues related to the agency's services (Petra photo)

received salary raises in July. Mr. Thweib said that he had also asked the UNRWA chief to increase the agency's areas of operation in Jordan from four to five to alleviate the suffering of refugees and decrease pressure on employees, noting that some refugees' applications have not

be processed for 18 months. that UNRWA should solve. said Mr. Thweib, is to augment garbage collection ser-vices in refugee camps and spray these camps with pesti-

The minister said that Mr. Türkmen expressed under-

standing of the Jordanian One of the other problems government's demands and pledged to meet them as soon as the agency receives the

> The meeting was attended by Director General of the Palestinian Affairs Department Asem Ghosheh.

> needed funds from its donor

National Document of Science and Technology has 'socio-economic, environmental nature'

By Rima Cortbawi Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Embodied in the daily Jordanian Science Week activities are discussions on the National Document of Science and Technology. "This document will warrant the contribution of both private and public sectors of the country," said Talai Akasheh, director of the

development sector at the

General Secretariat of the

Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST). In addition to pinpointing the effectiveness of the Jordanian Armed Forces in security and development of the country, science week serves two other

objectives. First, the interaction with Arab Scientists and Technologists Abroad (ASTA) will aid in increasing directed knowledge in various fields. Second is the discussion

of the National Document on Science and Technolo gy, the importance of which, Dr. Akasheh said, "cannot be overlooked."

This document is the fruit of long-spent efforts of the General Secretariat of the HCST, but "a large group of our scientific and technological society also contributed to the features and main foundations of this document, which has been presented to various institutions for modification before the HCST approve it for publication, Dr. Akasheh added.

Consisting of two main parts, the document's strategies for development have a "socio-economic and an environmental nature," according to Dr. Akasheh.

The first part comprehends a general motivative background, the main frame-work of the policies and strategies, the main

supportive executive factors and the requirements for execution. The framework portrays

all target sectors, whether social — including education, training, culture, health, housing and social development — productive — involving industry, agriculture, trade, tourism and archaeology — infras-tructural — combining energy, mineral resources, water and irrigation, construction, communications and transportation — or comprehensive such as administration and environment.

Main supportive executive factors will naturally involve the continuous backing of the Armed Forces, according to Dr. Akasheh.

The execution, however, will require governmental assistance especially in publicising the document covering all institutions. It

also involves the private sector in both discussions and financial support, which will initially be granted by the government for projects and plans that claim national priority.

"The document could eventually be translated into a series of constructive plans and projects — some short, some long-termed --but all aiming towards development," said Dr. Akasheh. These strategic plans are

all outlined in the second part of the document which tackles human resources, information, research and development and technologies and presents the expected short and long-term projects and accomplishments from all sectors of the Kingdom.

"Surely, evaluation on projects' performance will be continuously made so that plans do not get fulfilled beyond the time frame specified nor demand excessive financial support," said Dr. Akasheh.

As well as two sessions dedicated to discussions of the National Document on Science and Technology, seven working papers were presented on the fifth day of science week, Monday.

Three of the papers involved medicine dealing with brain injuries, artificial kidney implants in Jordan and the injuries caused by burning.

The other four handled communication systems including cellular telephone service systems the use of infra-red radiation for more reliable close communication, the development of fibre optic communication systems in the Royal Jordanian Air Force and technologies concerned with improved light production for communication systems using optical

FUHEIS FIFTH FESTIVAL

☆ Concert by Jordanian vocalists Siham Al safadi. Hala Hadi, Ruwaida Al 'Aass, Isma'il Khader, Mohammad Abu Gharib, 'Amer Al Kiswani, and Rami Shafiq at the main theatre, off the Greek Orthodox Convent at 21:00.

☆ Seminar in Arabic entitled "The Effect of Majed Al Adwan on Jordan's Contemporary History" with the participation of Mr. Rox Al 'Uzaizi, Sheikh Su'd Abu Al 'Umash, and Mr. Nahed Hattar at the festival site at

* Exhibition of Jordanian scripts, documents, and books. ★ Abstract art paintings exhibition by Salwa Ammaren, Darya Zetzifa, Norma Hattar, and Ilias Tu'meh.

WHAT'S GOING ON

* Exhibition on the city of Salt.

☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by Imad Hajjaj, Kifah Mahmoud, and Khaldoun Gharaibeh.

☆ Comprehensive agricultural exhibition (held for the first)

time with the participation of the private and public

* Exhibition of handicrafts.

PLAYS Play in Arabic entitled "The Man Who Ate The Goose" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 20:00.

★ Melodrama for children in Arabic entitled "The Chil-

dren's Garden" at Haya Cultural Centre at 17:00. ☆ Play entitled "Anthology of Martyrdom and Exile" at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 20:30 (Tel.

EXHIBITIONS

* Exhibition of ceramic works by Samar Tarazi at the Royal Cultural Centre. ★ Exhibition of water paints by Sudanese artist Abdul Qadir Al Bakhit at Baladna Art Gallery, Gardens Street

☆ Exhibition entitled "Environmental Technologies: A Travelling Information Centre" at the American Center.

Michael Jackson

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)

_ Three years after the last

Soviet soldier left Hungary,

Michael Jackson led "Red

Army" troops past cheering

crowds as filming began Sun-

day for a video to promote

his new album History. "The

film short depicts Jackson as

freeing an unnamed Com-

munist country, upon which a

grateful populace erects an

enormous statue of him."

said Gabriella Marky of

Transatlantic Media Associates, the U.S.-Hungarian

company producing the video. Filming is taking place

in front of the former royal

castle on Buda Hill, first built

in the 13th century. The cas-

tle courtyard was decorated

with enormous red flags and

banners showing Jackson

with bandoliers of bullets

criss-crossing his chest. Film-

ing began with an explosion

as shredded paper was shot

high into the air. Jackson,

wearing sunglasses and long

gloves, waved to crowds who lined his path. They held

signs reading: "I want Michael" and "Michael," who love you." He was fol-

lowed by about 200 extras

dressed in uniforms bor-

rowed from the Hungarian

army with the red star, which

is now banned, reattached for

the filming. The soldiers in-

clude women and some Brit-

ish extras who were flown in

for the filming. During long

breaks, Jackson disappeared-

into a trailer to escape the

summer heat that has baked

Budapest. A crew member

shielded him with a large

pink umbrella outdoors. Jack-

son's new wife, Lisa Marie

Presley, wearing a backless

black dress, was on hand for

the filming. The couple con-firmed last week that they

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Rose calls for Sarajevo DMZ

SARAJEVO (R) — The commander of U.N. troops in past 24 hours. Bosnia cailed Monday for a demilitarised zone around Sarajevo, in a security measure after NATO warplanes Friday to punish them for struck at defiant Serbs last

Lieutenant-General Sir U.N. guard in Sarajevo. Michael Rose was trying to set up a meeting with the commander of the Bosnian Serb forces, General Ratko Miadic, to discuss the issue, a U.N. spokeswoman said.

The plan calls for a withdrawal of all armed and uniformed soldiers and would allow both Serb and Muslim forces to take their weapons out of the zone for use else-

Weapons collection points, set up when a 20 kilometres heavy weapons exclusion zone was established around Sarajevo last February. would be scrapped.

U.N. spokeswoman Claire Grimes said of the DMZ plan: "General Rose feels such a measure would enhance the security of

There had however been no response from Gen. Mladic, whose forces in Saraievo have been blamed for an increasing number of sniping incidents in the city in recent

U.N. sources said U.N. sharpshooters had shot and killed one or two Serb snipers in the past two days and this

Tension rose in the city after NATO launched an air strike against the Serbs last seizing back some of their heavy weapons from under

The Bosnian Serbs are becoming increasingly isolated following the decision by Serbian-led Yugoslavia to cut relations in an attempt to force the Bosnian Serbs to sign the latest international peace plan.

Gen. Rose said he hoped the Bosnian Serb side would see sense and start talking peace. Despite bellicose language from some Bosnian Serb leaders the rift with Belgrade was having an effect on the public mood. "The impression I have is

that most people want peace. I think the voice of sanity in the end will prevail," Gen. Rose said in an interview from Bosnia with BBC

Since Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic closed Serbia's border with the Bosnian Serbs, hundreds of trucks have been turned Radovan Karadzic, chief of

the Bosnian Serbs, has ordered local authorities to mobilise a compulsory workforce to compensate for the

He acknowledged that his

forces must somehow do without Belgrade's lifeline of arms, fuel and other supplies.

Mr. Karadzic was able to draw comfort from a visit to his "capital," Pale, by the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Pavle, who had travelled from Bel-

"We are not separated from our church. The church is one," Mr. Karadzic said. But he added: "This is simply a very delicate and difficult moment in our relations with Yugoslavia. We understand they cannot fol-

low us any longer. We will

have to go our own way and they should understand it." Momcilo Krajisnik, the hardline speaker of the Bos-nian Serbs' self-declared parliament, said the Serbs could not accept the peace plan unless it was adjusted to give

them more land and guaran-

tees of sovereignty.
The peace plan drawn up by a "contact group" com-prising the United States, Britain, Germany, France and Russia, divides Bosnia roughly in half between the Serbs, who now hold about 70 per cent of the land, and a Muslim-Croat alliance. At its most recent meeting

last Wednesday, the Bosnian Serb parliament called a referendum to ratify its rejection of the peace plan.

The referendum would go ahead as planned on Aug. 27

NEW DELHI (AFP) - In-

dia Monday ruled out an

early resumption of its stalled

resolve tensions through dia-

nal affairs Ragunandan Lal Bhatia said Islamabad was

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Minister of State for Exter-

response to the proposed peace plan cannot be expected," Mr. Kraijsnik told the Bosnian Serb News

Agency.
The Muslim-led Bosnian army has used the breathing space provided by the air strike and the closing of the border by Belgrade as an opportunity to press ahead with offensives against the Serbs in central Bosnia.

U.N. military spokesman Major Rob Annink said Bosman government forces had taken the Serb-held hill town of Brgule, south of Vares.

He spoke of a "remarkable increase" in shelling along Muslim-Serb fronts in the Kladanj-Dastanko corridor. a key supply route through

Bosnian troops had seized about 12 square miles (32 sq km) of territory in their southwards thrust from Vares towards the crucial road, be-tween Sarajevo and Tuzla.

Maj. Annink reported considerable small arms machine gun fire southeast of Brgule, indicating that Muslim units were pressing ahead with their offensive towards the

Bosnian troops, on a roll, were still refusing to let the U.N. position peacekeepers between them and the Serbs along the shifting southern Vares front.

Colombian President Ernesio Samper gives the country's new president in the Colombian thumbs up shortly after being inaugurated as capital, Bogota (AFP photo)

New Colombia leader to step up drug war

society," he said.

BOGOTA (R) - Emesto Samper was sworn in Sunday as president of Colombia promising to step up the war against drug traffickers, put a human face on free market reforms and seek peace in one of the world's most violent countries.

Mr. Samper, a 44-year-old economist, took the oath of office in a televised ceremony in front of Bogota's neoclassical Congress building before an audience of seven Latin American presidents, foreign dignitaries and 4,000 invited guests.

Security was tight with sharpshooters guarding roof-tops, tanks patroling streets, soldiers guarding the ceremony and a posse of bodyguards watching the new president.

In his inauguration speech, Mr. Samper put special priority on the drug war in the world's top cocaine-exporting nation.

"We are combating and we will continue to combat drug trafficking out of conviction, because of the grave harm it has caused to Colombian cocaine trade, offered his campaign over \$3 million. tion was not accepted and says his only contact with

in March 1989.

Malaysia to allow sect if leader repents

in an interview in Amman.

Mr. Ashaari late last

Mr. Samper said he would toughen rules on money laundering and stiffen pena ties for drug kingpins who priority. The new president is under

heavy pressure from the United States to produce early results in the war against the powerful cocaine cartels and lift a cloud of suspicion hanging over his government after allegations that drug kingpins helped finance his narrow victory over a conservative rival June 19. Following revelations in a

series of cassette tapes, Mr. Samper admitted that the Cali drug cartel, which con-trols most of the world's But he insisted the dona-

traffickers was when they tried to kill him in an attack

Guests at the inauguration ceremony included some of the doctors and nurses who saved his life after gummen and or pumped 11 bullets into him at ment.

Bogota Airport. Four of the bullets are still lodged in his within Colombia, however, the drug war is not a top

Voters who supported Mr. Samper and his campaign slogan "the time of the people has come" are more interested in his promises of 1.5 million new jobs, higher social spending, subsidies for agriculture and industry and a negotiated peace with the country's 10,000 Marxist

guerrillas.

Mr. Samper said in his speech he would work for a negotiated peace with the guerrillas but warned the re-bels they would first have to show a real will for peace. "I will only sit down at the negotiating table when I am sure that there exist real conditions for a permanent and lasting peace," he said. Military analysts agree that

the guerrillas have no real chance of seizing power but retain a capacity for disruption which hurts the economy and deters foreign invest

Sen. Kennedy announces birth of 1st grandchild

WASHINGTON (R) -Senator Edward Kennedy announced Sunday night the birth of his first grandchild, a girl weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. The newest member of the political dynasty, Kiley Elizabeth Kennedy, was born to Katherine Kennedy and her husband Edward Kennedy Jr., one of the senator's three children by his first wife. Joan. The baby was born at 8:44 p.m. edt (0044 GMT) at the Yale-New Haven Hospital. Sen. Kennedy and his wife. Vicki, were in New Haven for the birth and "are pleased to report that baby, mother, father and grandparents are doing fine," a statement from the senator's office said. "I felt instant love when I saw this beautiful baby girl. I'm going to relish being a grand-father," added Sen. Kennedy, the senior Democrat from Massachusetts who is seeking reelection to a sixth

Radio stations must obey 40% French rule

PARIS (AFP) - All French music radio stations must obey a law to play at least 40 per cent French songs at peak listening times, France's top TV and radio authority, the Superior Audiovisual Council (SAC) said. The 40 per cent law was adopted in December but several stations, said the SAC, are currently not adhering to it. The council said the ruling will be ly, women have less access to STD care," he said. strictly enforced after Jan. 1 1996. The law was passed in order to protect French music in the face of mainly British and American competition.

Wooden toothpicks banned in restaurants

SEOUL (AP) — The use of wooden toothpicks will be

S.African guerrilla arms India rules out early handover begins slowly

JOHANNESBURG (R) -More than three months after Nelson Mandela's ANC swept to power in South Africa's first all-race election, its guerrilla wing has surrendered only a tiny fraction of the arms it has in secret

Lieutenant-Colonel Margaret Neethling, spokeswoman for the now-unified South African Armed Forces, said Monday 200 AK-47 assault rifles, Makarov pistols and explosives had been handed in since last week.

The weapons, the first to be given up, were handed over at the Johannesburg house of a former officer in the guerrilla wing Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation or MK), who is now a major in the unified force, which groups regular South African troops, ex-guerrillas and men from the armies of apartheid-era black homelands that have now dis-

In terms of the new constitution, all guerrilla weapons became the property of the new defence force immediately after the April elections won by Mr. Mandela's ANC (African National Congress).

At the same time the regular armed forces had to disclose their weapon stocks to

Sources in the ANC said MK officers had been reluctant to hand over weapons

Taiwan have eased their poli-

tical deadlock after high level

talks here, with a joint state-

ment Monday outlining eight

points of consensus including

Beijing recognising

Taiwanese jurisdiction for

Tang Shubei, vice chair-

man of China's Association

for Relations Across the

Taiwan Strait (ARATS), and

his Taiwanese counterpart

Chiao Jen-Ho of the Straits

Exchange Foundation (SEF).

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The joint statement out-

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It was signed in the VIP

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The agreement was pre-

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given senior appointments in the traditionally whiteofficered armed forces.

"Some feared the old order would strike against them if they handed over their weapons, but now MK peopie are being given senior positions, this fear has been allaved." said a senior ANC official, who did not wish to be identified.

He said he expected the flow of weapons from secret stores to increase dramatically in the next few weeks. The army says surrendered

weapons will be examined. with light arms, such as AK-47s, likely to be destroyed. Heavier equipment, including 82 mm and 105 mm mortars, may be retained. Tsepe Motumi, a former

MK political commissar who was trained in Angola and Zambia, said thousands of weapons were stored in caches in and outside South

He said most of the arms stored in the country, many buried and wrapped in greased paper, were AK-47s, RPG-7 rocket launches and projectiles, handguns and explosives, including mines. "Weapons held outside the

country include bigger arms such as 82 mm and 105 mm mortars and anti-aircraft guns. They are mainly held in Angola and Uganda," said Mr. Morumi, now working as a researcher with the Johannesburg-based Institute until former guerrillas were for Defence Policy.

with the first public appearance here of new U.S. trying to link future talks to their dispute over Kashmir Ambassador Frank Wisner. and had set preconditions not acceptable to India. Mr. Bhatia, replying to

talks with Pakistan

parliamentary questions, said that one of the preconditions related to the number of troops India should deploy in the Himalayan state, where Muslim militants are fighting for an end to Indian rule. He said Islamabad also

wanted the talks to include

plebiscite in Kashmir to determine whether its inhabitants wanted to stay with peace talks with Pakistan, as the U.S. envoy here urged the South Asian rivals to India or join Pakistan, a proposal India rejects.

Mr. Bhatia said "no further action is contemplated at the moment" to resume the His statement coincided

"As a friend of both India and Pakistan, we will continue to encourage the search for peaceful long-term solu-tions to the problems which bedevil the region," Mr. Wis-DET Said

Mr. Wisner, who took up his posting in July, urged the two countries to settle the Kashmir dispute through

Khmer Rouge seek \$1m

PHNOM PENH (R) -- Cambodia's outlawed Khmer Rouge rebels have demanded \$1 million from Australia, France and the United States as compensation for damage by Cambodian government forces on a guerrilla base where three Western hostages are being held.

The demand was enclosed in a hand-written letter dated Aug. 7 and given to an employee of Indochine Television Productions who gained entry to the rebel commune

Referring to the Khmer Rouge base at Vine Moun-Penh, the letter signed by gaged in a series of recent air and ground assaults against the base killing and wounding a number of people.

said had occurred during recent round table discussions in Pyongyang and Phnom Penh between the various parties in the Cambodian conflict.

"This resulted from the alliance between the U.S., France and Australia and they have to take full responsibility and pay a fine of \$1 million." the letter said. Meanwhile negotiations

have continued to free the three men taken hostage during a Khmer Rouge train ambush on July 26 — Mark Wilson, 29, from Melbourne,

The outlawed Islamic Sufi sect Al Argam will be allowed to exist again if its leader Ashaari Mohammad repents and recants his messianic teachings, an official said Monday. "The best way is for

KUALA LUMPUR (R) -

Ashaari to state that he has repented and confess that he has left behind the deviationist teachings. That will settle everything," said Zainal Abidin, director-general of Malaysia's Islamic Centre.

The Islamic Centre, which comes under the prime minister's office, has been in the forefront of a campaign to discredit of Al Argam, which has grown rich and powerful while arousing security con-cerns around South East Asia.

Islam is the official religion in Malaysia but only about half of the 15 million population are Muslims. The Sunday Star newspap-

er quoted Mr. Ashaari as saying that he will return to Malaysia "as soon as possible" after Malaysia's reli-

the prime minister," Mr. Ashaari told the newspaper

month left Thailand, where he has lived in self-imposed exile for the past six years, for Jordan after Bangkok refused to extend his visa. "If he returns and continnes his deviationist

teachings to cause trouble, then we will take action according to the law," Mr. Zainal Abidin said.

Under the sweeping ban announced last week, Al Arcam can no longer operate the 257 schools it has set up in Malaysia or run its many businesses with the Al Arqam logo. Malaysians are forbidden

to possess the group's audio and video cassettes, its posters and pamphlets, or the 64 books that Mr. Ashaari has published over the years. If the sect, which claims

100,000 followers in Malaysia and many more elsewhere, continues its activities underground, members could be prosecuted under the secret societies act, enacted in the 1950s to deal with a Communist insurgency.
Mr. Zainal Abidin esti-

mated that it would take up to six months to rehabilitate most of the Al Argam followmissionary work but our feedback shows that a majority of Al Argam followers can return to the true path within six months," he said.

"There is no time frame in

We want to save them. not go to war with them as Al Argam followers are Muslims and Malaysians," Mr. Zainal Abidin said.

Deputy minister in the prime minister's department, Abdul Hamid Othman, said the Islamic Centre and Education Ministry will meet on Aug. 9 to decide on the fate of students in Al Arqam's 257 schools in

In Jakarta, Attorney General Singgih told repor-ters Indonesia has banned a book published by Al Arqam titled President Suharto Ikut Jadual Allah, or President Suharto Join Allah's Prog-

Mr. Ashaari Mohammad. It was banned with effect from Aug. 6. "The book was banned be-

The book was written by

.cause it could disturb public order, especially among Muslims and among religious followers in Indonesia in gener-Mr. Singgih said. Mr. Singgi gave no details of what the book was about.

Asian leaders urged to take quick action to stop AIDS more than men, and, second-

(Agencies) — International AIDS researchers told Asian leaders Monday they could save their booming economies tens of billions of dollars by taking immediate action to prevent the spread of the deadly disease. "I appeal to all Asian lead-

ers to face reality and make AIDS prevention a national priority," Michael Merson, head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Programme on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), said at the opening "Over 6,000 people are be-

coming infected with HIV every day, more and more of them in Asia," Mr. Merson said. "The overriding need is to act now, without delay, to prevent or blunt the rise in nfections." The six-day conference,

the first international AIDS conference in the region, started Sunday, focusing particularly on Asia and women. Researchers called on Asian countries to establish large funds to combat the killer disease.

Mr. Merson said "implementing basic prevention programmes" in Asia would cost up to \$1.5 billion repreof Asian economic output, or equal to what Japanese workers produce in less than one "Please, let us not use cost

said. "By the year 2000, a Thai estimate puts the loss to Thailand's economy alone at nearly \$11 billion," he said. Analysts at McGraw Hill estimate that AIDS will cost Asian economies between

Mr. Merson said. He warned: "Do whatever you need to do to overcome denial, and fight discrimination. Provide your most vulnerable citizens the information and means - in-

cluding condoms - to protect themselves." The number of AIDS cases increased eightfold in the region last year to an estimated 250,000 and Asia's global share of AIDS cases rose to five per

And the preventive effect would be even stronger as Asia moves into the twenty-

and abuse of drugs were the major elements in mounting AIDS cases in the region. "It is evident that in most

parts of Asia, HIV has become an important sexually transmitted disease from high-risk groups to the general population," Dr. Ngeow

She said: "The infection is still mainly transfusionrelated in Japan, predominantly a male homosexual problem in Australia and New Zealand and largely restricted to injecting drug users in southwest China, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Dr. Ngcow noted the need to work "toward longer-term objectives such as the eradication of socioeconomic, cultural and political factors which promote prostitution

ple have been infected with Human Immune-deficiency Virus (HIV) in India, 600,000 to 800,000 in Thailand, 150.000 in Burma, and at least 50.000 each in Indonesia and the Philippines, according to WHO. Zena Stein, a researcher at

New York State Psychiatric Institute, reported on protect themselves against contracting HIV by sexual "Protection is the only de-

this means, and choose among their options," Dr. Women must communicate better with men about sex and take a moreactive role in protecting themselves against AIDS and other sexually

experts said Monday. We must induce, encourage communication of sexual matters between men and women," Dr. Stein told the international conference.

ingrained taboos over this in all communities," Dr. Stein Dr. Stein and other experts

said women were far more vulnerable than men to the sufferings caused by STD, especially in the developing world. "It is also striking how

much greater the STD burden is on women than onmen," said Peter Piot, director of AIDS research at the World Health Organisation

men do not use condoms more often to protect their partners, Dr. Stein said. (The) next possibility is for the women explicitly to take responsibility and for

plications.

Mr. Piot said.

The view held by men in many cultures that they have

the right to dominate sexual

relationships, including the privilege of using or not using

a condom, was one reason

the man to accept to transfer

the role," she said. She said it was with this in mind that many women had warmly greeted news of the development of a women's condom, now available in Europe and the United

He said the persistently high level of STD in many developing countries re-flected failing health policies and the lack of effective STD control programmes, which leave millions of infected people, particularly women, untreated and at risk of com-

"Basically STD have rarely been approached as a public health problem, but rather as a problem for a small group of blameworthy individuals,"

banned at all eateries across the nation in an effort to reduce waste, government officials said Monday. The new regulation will also limit the use of vinyl wrap on all items excluding meat, fish and vegetables, and allow only limited use of styrofoam, said the officials at the Ministry of Environment. The ban, that requires a revision of concerned laws, is expected to receive parliamentary approval without trouble, officials said. Wooden chopsticks, disposable cups, toothbrushes, and razors are already banned, with repeat offenders facing up to \$3,700 in fines. Banning toothpicks was part of an effort to increase the use of food leftovers as animal feed.

China recognises Taiwan gious authorities banned Al Arqam on Aug. 5 for tain (Phnom Vor), about 150 Slater, 28, from Corby in kilometres south of Phnom iurisdiction after talks Northamptonshire, Britain; teaching a "deviationist" Jean-Michel Braquet, 28 "Commander Brin", said brand of Islam. from Nice, France and David government forces had en-"I will return home to face TAIPEI (AFP) - China and Earlier, Beijing refused to acknowledge jurisdiction rights for Taiwan, which it

Taiwan and China separated after the Nationalists were defeated in a civil war by the Chinese Communists and fled to the island in 1949. "Frankly speaking, we have made more concessions than the Taiwanese side have, since I was given more authority in the talks than

Mr. Tang declined to say whether the concessions constituted a change in China's policy towards Taiwan. Analysts here said relations between the two sides were set to enter a new era as Beijing made a tentative step towards acknowledging

Mr. Chian was," Mr. Tang

told reporters before he left.

views as a renegade regional

government.

Taipei's jurisdiction rights. They considered negotiations this time as a milestone in the easing of the political deadlock between the two sides of the Taiwan Straits. Taiwan has sought Beij-

ing's acknowledgement of it as a political entity to enhance its international relations, an attempt repeatedly rejected by China, which has warned other countries against forging ties with Taiwan. Wu An-Chia, the mainland

affairs convener of the Insti-

tute of International Rela-

tions, said the Chinese side

decided it was unwise to con-

tinue to deny the Taiwan's

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as an excuse," Mr. Merson \$38 billion and \$52 billion,

cent from one per cent a year ago, according to WHO.

He said: "An investment of this kind would avoid an estimated five million infections by the year 2000 alone.

first century." At the session, Ngeow Yung-Fong of the University

of Malaysia reported that poverty, lack of information

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"Romania stands all the chances of becoming a model of prosperity and success, where all citizens, regardless Romania's economic reof their ethnic origin, religious belief or any other difforms, human rights scene and political development Title can enjoy on an

Russia suspends air links with Chechenya

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russia has suspended air links with its rebel Chechenya region, Earlier Monday a leading opposition group announced that it had formed a government, a week after claiming an Aeroflot official told AFP Monday, as Moscow into have ousted Mr. Dudayev. The group, which calls it-self the Interim Council of creased pressure on the breakaway republic's President Dzhokhar Dudayev to step down from power.

why the ban took effect.

On Friday Russian aviation

leaders warned that Moscow

would impose an "air block-

ade" from Monday, according to Chechenya's Informa-

tion Minister Moviadi

Udogov. Russia already maintains

an economic blockade

against Chechenya, an oil-rich Muslim republic in the

Rossian Cancasus which un-

laterly declared independ-

Flights were suspended for several months at that time,

rèsuming later in an irregular

On Monday. General Dudayev said he was ready to

stand down if Russia and the

international community rec-

ognised the republic's right to

He spoke after a leading

opposition group announced that it had formed a govern-

ment with Moscow's backing.

a week after claiming to have

Mr. Dudayev told ITAR-

TASS in an interview that if

such a condition were met, he

would leave the seat of power

and "swear on the Koran not

to be involved in politics

down to my personality, I am

ready to hand in my resigna-

tion at any moment," he said.

It was the first time Mr.

Dudayev had publicly hinted

that he would be prepared to

relinquish power, under cer-

KIGALI (Agencies) — Some

200 people suspected of hav-

mg taken part in genocide in

Rwanda are being held by the

new authorities, Premier

Faustin Twagiramungu said

While backing the forma-tion of an international tri-

bunal to try the war crimin-

als, he deplored the slow

pace of the international

community's investigation

into the ethnic bloodletting

that left up to one million

Rwandans dead, mostly

minority Tutsis, in three

The killings mainly by for-

mer government troops and

extremist militia of the Hutu

majority were triggered by the death of President Juven-

al Habyarimana, a Hutu, in a

suspect April 6 plane crash.
"How long will we have to

keep these suspects in jail? We cannot wait too long,"

Mr. Twagiramungu told a press conference. "We will

do our utmost to ensure them

(the suspects) fair trials."

He noted that an earlier

figure of people targeted for war crime trials referred only

to "first suspects who are

cent, some have been killed,"

The new Rwandan govern-

ment set up by the mainly

Tutsi Rwandan Patriotic

Front (RPF) early last month

backs efforts of the interna-

tional community aimed at

setting up an independent in-

ternational tribunal to try the

perpetrators of massacres of

civilian populations, while

recognising the competence

"Some (of those) are inno-

administrative officials."

he added.

Monday.

"If the Chechen problem is

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fashion.

Chechenya and claims to have Moscow's backing, said From today we are not allowed to sell tickets to its influence "extends throughout Chechenya with the exception of the capital, Grozny," the Interfax News Grozny," the Chechen capital, the official said, without giving details about when and Agency reported.
The Interim Council, led

by Umar Avturkhanov, was reported to be based in the region of Nadterechny. northwest of Grozny. Mr. Avturkhanov

announced last Tuesday that he had overthrown Mr. Dudayev, but the Chechen leader denied the claim and ordered the opposition leader's arrest.

The incident caused Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to vow to reassert control over the rebel republic.

Mr. Avturkhanov's forces also announced that Ruslan Khasbulatov, a Chechen who was speaker of the Russian parliament until its dissolution by Russian President Boris Yeltsin in September last year, was on his way to Chechenya from Moscow Monday.

But the council did not indicate if Mr. Khasbulatov would join with the Nadterechny opposition group. In an interview with the Communist newspaper Sovietskaya Rossiya Saturday, Mr. Khasbulatov said he welcomed the Russian government's recognition of the interim council.

Mr. Avturkhanov's troops appear to be in control of the Nadterechny region. On Saturday, three of Mr.

Dudayev's security agents were killed in the Nadterechny region, according to security services.

of internal jurisdictions," the

Such a court "cannot

however do away with the

laws of this country," he

stressed, recalling that geno-

cide in Rwanda is punishable

the defeated former Rwan-

dan armed forces, were gra-

dually returning to Rwanda

and rallying to the new reg-

ime. Some 300 of them, in-

cluding at least one colonel

and three majors, had re-

Asked about reports that

RPF soldier had committed

atrocities against civilians, the premier said he had no

confirmation but said the

government was investigating

If the reports are true,

Fearing another mass ex-

odus of refugees, the United Nations urged France again

Monday to delay its depar-

ture from southwestern

A spokesman for the

U.N.'s refugee agency said

there is "a very real possibil-

ity" that up to one million

Rwandan could stream over

the border into Zaire when

France already has with-

drawn about 300 soldiers

from Rwanda and plans to

line could be extended two or

three weeks if necessary to

preserve order in its so-called

French troops leave.

those responsible will be pro-

secuted, he vowed.

Rwanda.

He also said that soldiers of

prime minister said.

by death.

turned so far.

Over 500,000 Cubans rally against disturbance

HAVANA (R) — Hundreds of thousands of Cubans deered a ferry boat in Havana last Thursday to try to gathered at Havana's Revolution Square Sunday to show support for the government, two days after street clashes in the capital that injured 35 people.

The crowd, estimated by officials at 600,000, jammed the vast square at a meeting called to pay tribute to a policeman killed in a ferry boat hijacking but also to issue a firm rebuff against the

The sea of people waved Cuban flags, chanted revolutionary slogans, thundered out the national anthem and stood through a rain shower to hear Deputy Defence Minister Ulises Rosales Del Toro reiterate Cuba's angry charge that the United States was behind the unprecedented unrest.

The meeting was in honour And he also slammed the of 19-year-old Gabriel United States for its Lamoth Caballero, killed by "malevolent" immigration hijackers who commanpolicy on Cubans.

honour at the casket of Gabriel Lamoth photo)

law enforcement brigades.

people, including 10 police-

men, were injured in the

drive. It also said an undis-

been arrested.

The deputy minister reiter-ated a threat by Mr. Castro Friday to flood the United travel to the United States. But it was also a rallying States with Cuban emigrants call for the revolution after if Washington did not alter Friday's incidents, in which what Havana views as an groups of people throwing stones clashed for several immigration policy that encourages illegal exits from the island. He said Cuba did not hours with police and civilian

The Sunday newspaper solution to the problem. Juventud Rebelde said 35 Cuba says the current policy stimulates illegal exits because Washington limits the clashes along a section of Havana's Malecon sea-front visas it grants but, under the Cuban Adjustment Act, generally allows Cubans who closed number of people had have left the island illegally to stay in the United States.

oppose negotiations for a just

Mr. Rosales Del Toro cen-Mr. Castro was absent for tred his address on the Un-Sunday's raily, visiting Colited States, reiterating President Fidel Castro's charge ombia for the swearing-in of new President Ernesto Sam-Friday that Washington per. But a string of senior government figures including first deputy President Raul wanted to cause disorder and provoke a "bloodbath" in Castro, Mr. Castro's younger brother, stood on the podium along with an emotional group of relatives of the dead



culmination of a blaze of

pro-revolutionary activity

Officials said some 22,000

people queued Sunday to file

past Lamoth's coffin, laid out

in the Interior Ministry facing

the square before the evening

The crowds, in many cases

organised by groups such as the Union of Young Com-

munists, walked, cycled and

were brought in droves of

buses from Havana and the

organised since the clashes.

gather to pay homage to fellow policeman Gabriel Lamoth Caballero, 19, who was killed

Police in the Plaza of the Revolution in Havana during the protests along the waterfront. The waterfront area of Havana was reportedly calm after it was opened to normal traffic (AFP photo)

A recent spate of ferry boat hijackings, highlighting the drama of a steady trickle of Cubans who leave the Communist-ruled island illegally by sea to go to United States, were the trigger for Friday's clashes.

Mr. Castro also admitted in remarks to reporters in Bogota Saturday that there was some discontent among the population amid Cuba's current severe economic cri-

Thursday's hijacking, which ended with authorities bringing the hijackers and passengers back to Havana after the vessel ran out of fuel, was the third such incident in nine days.

Divers are still searching Havana Bay for the body of a second policeman killed in the hijacking.
The rally Sunday, in the

tradition of Cuba's huge

gatherings for events such as

key anniversaries, was the

surrounding countryside. Small demonstrations against the disturbances have been held in the city since Friday evening and state media has issued a flood of condemnation of the protes-

tro and the revolution. Juventud Rebelde, the youth Communist weekly, gave a detailed version of how the unrest evolved. It said that a gathering of some

ters and support for Mr. Cas-

the early morning of Friday, and were dispersed by au-

Following that incident. some 21 people tried to commandeer a tugboat, despite the fact the vessel did not even have a motor. They were detained, the newspap-

During the morning people congregated again at the end of the Malecon by the port, numbering about 700 by noon. The unrest crupted in the early afternoon, centred in the area around the Hotel Deauville on the sea-front, the newspaper added.

It did not give details of the injuries of the protesters. although it published accounts of some of the injuries suffered by police and other law enforcement mem-

Police fired during the disturbances, but apparently in 300 to 400 people grouped in the air and it was not clear if the port area of Havana in live bullets were used.

For its part, the council said that "four of President Dudayev's advisors" were tain conditions, while he is International community is losing under massive pressure from Moscow to quit. credibility as Haiti crisis wears on 200 held for Rwanda "We have made very clear through a U.N. resolution

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Agenmassacres — premier losing faith in the international community because its position with our allies, with hurry-up-and-wait policies the United Nations, in sendhave failed to dislodge militray leaders, backers of the ousted president said.

> Their comments came as a senior U.S. official tried to assure Haitians that the drive to push out leaders of the 1991 coup is not stalling. "It's just been promises,

promises for three years, the Rev. Adonai Jean Juste told the Associated Press, minutes after he urged 800 Roman Catholic parishioners not to give up hope. "Everything's on hold, people are frustrated."

echoed the Rev. Rene Giroux, a Canadian priest at a slum parish. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said Sunday Haiti's military leaders should step aside and allow the return of democratic rule; warning the Haitians not to

test Washington on a possible

Haitian military leader General Raoul Cedras said in a broadcast interview Saturday that he believed a U.S.led invasion is inevitable and his supporters are getting

ready. "I'd recommend he not test us on that issue," Mr. Panetta said on NBC's Meet that we have a consolidated the military government. ing a very clear message to them that the military dicttorship has to step down... If ultimately we have to use force, we have that option on

General Raul Castro (left) second in command Caballero who died as a result of the con-of the Cuban army, stands with a guard of frontation on Havana's waterfront (AFP

the table." A week ago, the U.N. Security Council authorised the United States to lead an invasion to restore to power ousted President Jeanbertrand Aristide but did not

set a deadline. The United States has "decided to invade and we are awaiting this moment. We are getting ready. Our sol-diers have sworn to defend our country," Gen. Cedras told Cable News Network.

On the same programme, William Gray, the Clinton administration's special adviser on Haiti, said an invasion was inevitable unless the military leaders abandoned power. At present, he said, the United STates and allies were tightening U.N.imposed economic sanctions against Haiti. U.S. ambassador William

Swing made many of the same points in an AP interview, stressing that in recent weeks Washington has cut commercial air links with Haiti, stopped most financial transactions and pushed

cies) — Haiti's people are with the U.N. resolution, allowing use of force to oust In the interview Saturday, e also belittled Haiti's asser-

tions of defiance as "the

dying gasps of a spent force.' Rev. Al Jean Juste's church, parishioners listened intently as he urged them to unite and to maintain hope for change. Outside, red graffiti expressed support for a rural priest beaten by soldiers on July 30 and declared "Long live Aristide."

Sanctions that began shortly after Mr. Aristide' ouster deepened the suffering of most of the people in the Western hemisphere's poorest country, while sol-diers have profited from extortion and sales of black market gasoline and diesel

"(The international community is) threatening, threatening, threatening and that means nothing," Rev. Jean Juste said in an interview. "There's a need for concrete action.'

For example, Rev. Jean Juste said, the international community must quickly cut off the contraband supplies coming in from the neighbouring Dominican Republic. An 88-member U.N. force is to begin patrollling the border soon, U.S. offiic-

Kidnapped priest freed in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines on a highway in Basilan, 900 (R) — Muslim extremists freed unharmed a Roman Catholic priest held hostage for two months in the southern Philippines, Vice President Joseph Estrada said

The rural priest, Cirilo Nacorda, was freed by his fundamentalist captors without ransom in Basilan Sunday night and was handed over to the military.

"Father Nacorda was not harmed, he is alive. He has no wounds. He is very healthy," Mr. Estrada told reporters in Zamboanga City on nearby Mindanao Island.

He said the priest would probably meet President Fidel Ramos when the Philippine leader arrives in Zamboanga on his way home from a state visit to Brunei. Fr. Nacorda, 36, was

among 74 people abducted

kilometres south of Manila, on June 8. Fifteen of the 74 were shot

and killed soon after being seized, but 57 were later released. One man escaped. His kidnappers, members of the radical Islamic Abu Sayyaf group, had demanded

a three-million-peso (\$115,000) ransom for his freedom and threatened to kill him when the military iaunched a full-scale assault on their strongholds.

Mr. Estrada, who heads the presidential Anti-Crime Commission, said the release followed negotiations with the Abu Sayyaf.

Fr. Nacorda's kidnapping and the militiary assault had threatened peace talks between the Manila government and the moderate Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) for a peaceful settle-

ment of a Muslim rebellion in the southern islands.

It also brought tension between Muslims and Christians and raised fears of religious war in Mindanao, where at least 50,000 people were killed at the height of an MNLF-led separatist war in the 1970s.

The Abu Sayyaf, which means sword bearer, have been blamed by the military for a string of bombings and kidnappings in the south. Apart from Fr. Nacorda, they have abducted two foreign priests, two nuns and a handful of businessmen over the past two years.

The military at first dismissed the Abu Sayyai as bandits, but later acknowledged the group of radical fighterswho had split away the mainstream MNLF had become a natinal menace.

Nicaragua police arrest alleged hijacker

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AFP) — A Salvadorean who said he was persecuted by his government was arrested here Sunday after forcing a Panamanian ietliner to land in Managua and holding the pilot and co-pilot hostage,

Government Minister Alfredo Mendieta said that police took Angel Salgueda, 34, into custody after he holed up for three hours in the Boeing 737-200 owned by the Compania Panamena de Aviacon (COPA).

Upon his arrest, authorities learned that Mr. Salgueda was carrying nothing more than a Bible and tube of toothpaste, said Mr. Men-

Nicaraguan radio earlier taid that Mr. Salgueda, who claimed to be armed with explosives, boarded the plane travelling from Guatemala City to Panama City in San Salvador and demanded to be taken to a European or South American country.

The pilot said the aircraft did not have enough fuel and the hijacker allowed him to fly to Nicarauga, a COPA spokesman said.

The passengers were allowed to deplane in Managua's Augusto Cesar Sandino Airport, but the hijacker continued to hold the pilot and co-pilot hostage, COPA

Officials initially put the number of passengers at 67 but later raised it to 78. Nicaraguan officials negotiated with Mr. Salgueda from the air control tower at the airport and explosives experts were called to the

Mr. Salgueda also carried a handwritten note indicating that he felt persecuted by the conservative Salvadorean government of President Armando Calderon Sol. In El Salvador, recovering from a nearly 12-year civil war that ended in 1992, no group has come forward to claim a link with Mr. Salgueda.

TV campaign rebounds on Berlusconi team

remove its remaining 2,200 troops by Aug. 22. It has said, however, that the deadprove its image.

The row comes as the

The less a government does the more it must advertise the little it is capable of doing," said Northern League leader Umberto Bos-

si, the most difficult ally in Mr. Berlusconi's conservative coalition. Prime Minister Berlusconi, who swept to power in March following a slick, made-fortelevision campaign, owns three private channels and

slots, accompanied by the slogan "facts which citizens should know to exercise their rights," was broadcast Satur-

are plain pro-government propaganda.

"Just like for nappies and detergents, this is advertising paper said in an editorial.

The government issued a statement on Monday saying it planned to intensify the campaign in the next few

But the PDS — the largest opposition party - called on the government to withdraw what it called an "absurd" campaign. "A continuation would

promote the strong suspicion that the government wants to control information and get its hands on RAI," said Vincenzo Vita, the PDS spokesman on the media. The ex-Communist PDS

and the Popular Party heirs to the once-mighty Christian Democrats appear ready to work together after Sunday's hunch between Mr. D'Alema and Mr. Buttiglione in the southern town of Gallipoli. The two men - both in-

stalled in the wake of election defeat at the hands of Mr. two-round electoral system

The Berlusconi government had hoped to use the August parliamentary recess to put its recent troubles be-

Nigeria's oil strike enters 6th week

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria's crippling oil strike entered a sixth week Monday with no sign of an end to the crisis over workers' demands that detained opposition politician Moshood Abiola be freed and installed as president.

Mr. Abiola, widely believed to be the winner of last year's annulled presidential election, remained in police custody, in the inland capital Abuja after rejecting bail conditions imposed by a court trying him on treason

charges.
"The strike will go on for as long as it is necessary," Wariebe Agamene, national president of the blue-collar oil workers union NUPENG told Reuters.

The 150,000-strong NUPENG began the strike on July 4 to press Nigeria's military rulers to free Mr. Abiola unconditionally and

ioined two weeks later by the 50,000-strong white-collar oil workers union PENGAS-SAN.

ary rulers.

The Abuja court trying without permission.

"It is better for him to remain in jail than to accept such conditions," Mr. pended a brief general strike to allow the talks on its demand for Mr. Abiola's unconditional release.

A senior NLC official who has been party to the negotiations said union chiefs met Mr. Abiola at the weekend and both sides were disappointed with the conditions of the bail offer. "We both agreed that the conditions are not fair," the union source

The oil workers strike remains the most devastating of the industrial actions taken so far to seek Mr. Abiola's re-

It has disrupted domestic fuel supplies and bitten deep into the country's crude oil production and exports, which provides more than 90

per cent of its carnings. Mr. Agamene said crude output and export were down to 35 per cent of normal levels.

U.S. warms to Romania BUCHAREST (R) — Three years after isolating Romania because of anti-democratic violence, the United States has sent strong signals to Bucharest that it now wants Romania as an ally and

Visits by two senior U.S. officials over the past month have hammered home Washington's new commitment to Romania and its view that the Balkan state's minority left-wing government is on the right path of free-market and democratic reform.

equal footing, the opportuni-ties and advantages created by an economy in full swing."
Departing U.S. Ambassador John R. Davis Jr. said in a valedictory statement last weekend. Defence Secretary William wishes to let bygones be Perry visited last month and pledged stepped up military

security zone.

U.S. efforts to strengthen security in the Balkans in the countries around war-shattered ex-Yugoslavia. The National Security Council's director for Central and Eastern Europe, Richard Shifter, also visited last weekend - his second visit this year — and praised

cooperation with the ex-

Communist country as part of

ROME (R) — Italian media magnate Silvio Berlusconi's government, which has just weathered a political storm, has stirred fresh controversy with a television advertising campaign intended to im-

The campaign, launched at the weekend, has awoken the political debate from its traditional summer slumber and inflamed passions in the government and opposition.

opposition edges closer to unity following an informal meeting at a seaside restaurant Sunday between Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) leader Massimo D'Alema and his Popular Party counterpart Rocco But-

the use of government advertising on the RAI state network has touched a raw nerve. The first of the 45-second

day and outlined the achievements of the government since its appointment in May. Italian law allows the govemment to use the media to publish information of "social relevance" but opponents say the advertisements

and not "public information", with the difference being that nappy and detergent companies pay for it while the government gets it free," La Republica news-

Berlusconi in March agreed to lobby for the introduction of a French-style but shelved plans to name a shadow cabinet.

hand power to him. It was

Mr. Abiola, a multimillionaire businessman, was arrested on June 23 and charged with treason after proclaiming himself president in defiance of Nigeria's milit-

Mr. Abiola, at a surprise hearing Friday, offered to free him on condition he agreed to keep the peace, did not address political meetings and did not leave Nigeria

Agamene said. Friday's bail offer followed

talks between the govern-ment and the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) union fed-eration which last week sus-

witnessed horror unthink-

able a year ago. Last month

two men tossed the freshly

severed head of a woman

into a street where her 18-

year-old daughter picked it

up, said El Watan news-

paper.

Most alarming for the

government must be the

sign of their allies, and

their most important aid

and commercial partners, starting to distance them-

Washington in fun-damental shift has urged

dialogue with the Islamists.

hold new elections if it

wants to end fundamental-

ment which is no longer

legitimate cannot survive

simply thanks to foreign aid," Foreign Minister

Antonio Martino told the

French newspaper Le

Algeria currently owes \$26 billion abroad.

One Western diplomat,

commenting on economic

lifelines thrown to Algeria by the IMF and the Paris Club of government credi-tors, said: "There is no sign

Italy says Algeria should

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The message from Aqaba

BY ANY serious standard, what happened in Aqaba yesterday represented a major move forward in Jordanian-Israeli relations as well as in the quest for bringing about peace to one of the most troubled regions of the world.

The Aqaba summit between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the opening of the crossing point for third country nationals between Aqaba and Eilat were two events that reverberated with symbolism. They spoke of what hard work and determination to achieve peace could produce. They held the promise that through dialogue and the will to break down barriers and erect instead channels of communication, sea changes can be

But beyond the symbolism, the Aqaba landmarks showed how much work remains to be done before full peace can dawn on the Middle East.

The new crossing point in Aqaba will not, as yet, serve Jordanians and Israelis. Israel has not yet withdrawn from occupied Jordanian territories and has not stopped seizing Jordanian water. The West Bank is still an open field to Israeli soldiers who oppress and shoot and imprison Palestinians. Refugees have yet to see an end to their dilemma. And Israeli flags still fly on the occupied Golan Heights while Israeli planes continue to bomb South Lebanon. Peace means that all this ends.

That is why the negotiations continue as the best means to end the state of despair in the region. Jordan has gone all the way to push the peace process forward. Its gestures of goodwill have impressed all and have proven beyond doubt that serious and real and lasting peace is what it is seeking, and what it is working for.

Israel has to reciprocate. And that it has to do fast if the symbolism of Agaba and Washington before it is to be translated into reality that can change the Middle East.

People have to be convinced of Israel's seriousness in ending its aggression on Arab lands and rights. Many of them are overwhelmed by the speed in which the Jordanian-Israeli talks have moved. Though the speed is justified by the urgency of ending the state of affairs in the area, the overwhelmingness is understandable against the backdrop of the history of conflict between the Arabs and the Israelis, acceptance of the new chapter in Jordanian-Israeli relations should be created, encouraged and maintained. That can

be done by effecting changes on the ground. These changes should include a fast Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian land, the West Bank and other occupied Arab territories. Progress should be achieved on other tracks of the negotiations. And adequate solutions to the issues

of refugees should be provided before too long. This is what makes peace, a comprehensive peace, a peace that people can accept and protect.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Monday said the democratisation process in Jordan once more offers a new evidence on the depth of vision of the Kingdom's Hashemite leadership, which foresees the future in inasmuch as it is fully aware of present developments at both the domestic and foreign arenas. The paper, referring in its editorial to a meeting Sunday between Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and heads and representatives of the Jordanian political parties opposing the peace process, said the prime minister has received the views of the parties with an open heart and mind. Dialogue at the meeting was stemming from concern about the interests of Jordan, which is also keen on the interests of the nation, its causes and aspirations in the present and the future, the paper said. Discussion at the meeting dealt with the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause and the two sides at the meeting agreed to the King's saying that Jordan will not forget Palestine nor its people "with whom we shared the trip of pain and hope," said the paper. It added that discussion at the meeting also focused on the issue of Holy Jerusalem and providing care for its holy places. Within the framework of the pan-Arab formula, the prime minister has explained that the train of Madrid is continuing its move ... and all of its passengers are committed to its journey, and everyone will get to the main station of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace, the paper quoted Dr. Majali as saying.

A COLUMNIST in the Al Ra'i newspaper Monday welcomed moves by Jordan Television (JTV) to host representatives of host opposition groups in its programmes and urged the JTV administration to keep on doing that. Musa Barhouma said in a column published Monday that JTV has done well in its "60 Minutes" weekly programme broadcast Friday when it hosted people representing the opposition and presented their views to its viewers. If we wish that the JTV administration continue to do this, live would affirm that the opposition in conclusion stands in the rear line behind the negotiations, the executive authority and the decision makers, said the

By John Baggaley

NICOSIA — "Too late. It's all too late. And the Algerian authorities know

Diplomats living in a twi-light world of herded confinement in Algeria's capital see the future as unremittingly grim.

Their governments may still put their bets on the ability of the army-backed authorities to survive an Islamist onslaught but many diplomats and others on the spot believe this is because the alternative is too unpalatable to accept.

Most, although they only say so privately, accept it is only a matter of time before the North African oil and gas producer and its 26 million people have some form of Islamic govern-

"The government is slowly being pushed out of some areas and this will be extended and will put pressure on the (oil and gas) pipelines and strangle them," said one security analyst, who asked not to be identified.

The latest crisis dates back to January 1992, when the authorities cancelled a general election the nowbanned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to win after a landslide sweep in the first round. Militants took to guns and since then

No awakening from Algeria's unending nightmare

more than 4,000 people have been killed.

French intelligence, deeply implanted in its former colony, estimate that double that number has died, undermining assertions from French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua that it was "rubbish" to think Islamic moderates might take power.

The killing of five French nationals in a sophisticated attack on a guarded com-plex this week merely underlined that no one is now immune in the conflict pitting an army-backed government mainly against Islamist fundamentalists.

A parallel attempt to explode a car-bomb - decased, 300 to 400 pounder the size of a coffee table" "ratcheted up the violence another notch," said one diplomat.

There is no reason not to expect more (bombs). The security analysts went further. "I would give it five years although some people put it at only one year. The inevitable outcome is an Islamicised gov-

ernment but with fragmented armed groups going on fighting — a new Afghanistan, with a transition period of turmoil."

Algeria relies on oil and gas for more than 90 per cent of its foreign income. now around \$10 billion annually but earlier much higher and dissipated in bad planning and corrup-

"Most alarming for the government must be the sign of their allies, and their most important aid and commercial partners, starting to distance themselves."

Algerian officials blame poverty — an estimated 14 million living below a mean poverty line — for the hopelessness which they say is swelling the ranks of Islamic militants.

But diplomats say little is being done to help. "There is no sense of urgency, economically or politically."

pen. Government claims to be in control of the security situation are hard to be-Diplomats say security forces have used Napalm in sweeps against those they

one said. "On the security

front they seem to be wait-

ing for one side to give in,

which is not going to hap-

"terrorists" and that civil war rages in several

parts of the country, despite government denials. Even the official news agency APS, whose security news appears at least selective, has acknowledged Berber villagers in the Kabylie area have set up armed self-protection

Ordinary Algerians have

International Monetary Fund in May provided a \$1.04 billion standby package while in June the Paris Club rescheduled debt which should save Algiers \$5 billion this year.

None of this has been translated into anything for the man in the street. All my (Algerian) contacts feel helpless, vulnerable," said another diplomat.

For many in the street, price rises and job losses caused by reforms imposed

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from outside may be too high a price to pay. Already more than one in live of the workforce is jobless sugar prices went up 50 per cent this year, bread prices rose last month by 20 to 30 per cent. Worse probably lies ahead.
"It's all for too late."
said analyst Martin Stone of the London-based Control Risk Organisation. "The terminal blow for this government started in 1992

Algerian President Liamine Zeroual is reported to be planning again to seek dialogue with political parties.

and they know it."

But as one long-time Algiers resident said: "Who is he going to talk to? Even if he finds some moderate Islamists, they don't control those with the guns who believe they are



A hard case to make for invading Haiti

By Walter R. Mears The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Short of a crisis that threatens America lives, or an international villain menacing his neighbours, U.S. President Bill Clinton has a hard case to make for a U.S. invasion of Haiti.

He's trying, saying that U.S. security is tied to democracy, open markets and rule of law, and that they are at risk when an elected government is

His critics don't see that as grounds for military ac-tion. Mr. Clinton says it is a bridge he hasn't come to. administration policy still counts on toughened economic sanctions, harsh warnings, and the threat of armed intervention to force Haiti's military bosses to quit in favour of the elected president they ousted nearly three years ago.

"We have kept force on the table." Mr. Clinton said. "We have continued to move it up as an option as the dictators there have been more obstinate."

At Mr. Clinton's urging. the U.N. Security Council endorsed that option, for a U.S.-led invasion by an international force that hasn't yet been lined up. That was aimed at intensifying pressure on the military regime

But the message would be more convincing with a clear consensus at home. and that's lacking. The U.S. Senate unanimously adopted a resolution on Wednesday declaring that Congress should approve

any invasion. It's not binding. That doesn't mean that

Congress would say no. And while Mr. Clinton said he would welcome support there, the White House position is that he could act on his commander-in-chief powers, without advance approval.
That's a position that

doesn't change with presidents. George Bush got approval for action against Iraq, although he'd said it wasn't required.

sions of Grenada and of Panama, and in the Gulf war against Iraq.

But in a longstanding situation like this one, it is better to rally support in advance, especially when the aim is to avoid military action by making it a com-pelling threat. That's lack-

The American people how invading Haiti is in the national interests," said

"When (U.S.) troops are committed in a crisis, (Congress) backing usually follows, quickly. And presidents define crises. That's what happened when Republican presidents ordered the invasion of Grenada and of Panama, and in the Gulf war against Iraq.

support of Congress and the

ing in this case.

are still in the dark about Sen. Judd Gregg, who

U.S. action.

Sen. Alan Simpson said Mr. Clinton made a critical mistake by not coming to Congress first, before getting U.N. endorsement. "International support is fine," said Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican leader, "but it is no substitute for the

American people." When troops are committed in a crisis, that backing usually follows, quickly And presidents define crises. That's what happened when Republican

sponsored the resolution asserting congressional authority.

The administration maintains that there are vital American interests at stake, but the case hasn't always been clear. Among those

— The refugee problem, which Mr. Clinton's special advisory on Haiti, William H. Gray, says stems directly from the repressive government. Mr. Gray said the way to solve it is to restore elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But since Mr. Clinton changed U.S. refugees policy on July 6, to provide nearby havens but not U.S. admission to Hai-tian boat people, the tide of refugees has dwindled to a trickle.

The Republicans argued that the refugee problems stems from the worsening of already impoverished living conditions because of the economic sanctions, and from the administration's policy shifts on

 The safety of more than 3,000 American citizens still in Haiti, who could be at risk. "We have Americans living and work-ing there, several thousands of them," Mr. Clinton

But they are not being directly threatened at this point. Were that to happen, it would be a provocation bound to stir support for

 Drug trafficking from Haiti, cited by Mr. Gray a month ago, although there hasn't been much talk of it lately. Mr. Gregg said no drug trafficker "in his right mind is going to be using Haiti in the near future," with U.S. navy ships standing offshore.

 A menace to hemisphere democracy because of what happened in Haiti. That's the point Mr. Clinton stressed Wednesday night. "If you look at the possible ramifications of that on other countries in the Caribbean and in Central America and South America, that is where our national security interest is," the president said.

U.N., NATO patience finally snaps on Bosnia

By Nicholas Doughty

BRUSSELS — After months of hesitation, the United Nations and NATO have run out of patience with Serb defiance and ordered a fresh air strike in

The question now is whether the Serbs, increasingly isolated in their apparent determination to continue the war, will test whether the UN. and NATO are prepared to strike back if they do.

Allied planes launched their first attack since April on Friday after the Serbs snatched back heavy weapons they surrendered to the United Nations in February under the terms of an ultimatum to stop the siege bombardment of

It was almost exactly a year since NATO first threatened to bomb Serb forces besieging the Bosnian capital.

The Serbs ignored warn-

ings that they would face air strikes if they attempted to seize the weapons. But, after the air strike, U.N. officials said they promised to return the stolen tank, two armoured vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun.

However, there have been repeated violation of the weapons exclusion zones set up around Sarajevo and the town of Gorazde recently and the Serbs have also attacked U.N. peacekeepers.

Until now, the United Nations has besitated to hit back, worried that fresh strikes could wreck diplomatic attempts to end urope's worst conflict since World War II and bring fierce retaliation against U.N. forces in Bos-

But the Bosnian Serbs are now threatened with isolation even by their former backers in Belgrade after rejecting an international peace plan. NATO officials are worried that they could be desperate enough to provoke more incidents as a result.

"If they really feel cornered, this kind of action is one way of stiffening their people's resolve by strengthening the existing perception that the West is against them," said one official, who asked not to be identi-

Diplomats suggested the Serbs might also be hoping to revive previous Russian opposition to NATO air strikes in Bosnia, since Moscow now appears to have abandoned them and moved closer into line with the United States and other Western allies.

But Moscow, while not explicitly endorsing the NATO action, has blamed the Serbs for provoking the

"It is deplorable that the Serbs themselves gave grounds for this turn of events," said a Russian

foreign ministry spokes-Both the United Nations and NATO desperately want to avoid getting into a war with the Serbs, esp

cially with thousands of lightly-armed U.N. peacekeepers exposed to attack on the ground. As a result, U.N. and Western officials have been at pains to stress that Friday's strike was carefully

excuted to avoid casualties. France, the United States and U.N. commanders all said Friday's strike, which apparently wrecked a tank destroyer, was in proportion to the Serb violation — not a declaration of war by the United Nations, which is trying to

remain neutral.
"It should not in any way cause us to be regarded as adversaries by the Bosnian Serb army," said the U.N. commander in Bosnia, British Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose.

"We are partners of everyone in this country, keeping the road to peace

However, Gen. Ross made clear that he could call in further NATO strikes unless the Serbs kept their promise to re-

turn weapons taken from U.N. depots. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, hoping that Friday's action would help drive the Serbs to accept the peace plan aiready approved by the Muslim-Croat alliance, also signalled the possibility of

more NATO attacks. But recent months have seen a steady erosion of NATO and U.N. credibility as the Serbs have defied the terms of various ultimatums without provoking any response.

NATO has now gone into action four times against the Serbs in Bosnia, shooting down planes violating a ban on flights in February and then hitting ground targets in two air strikes around the town of

Gorazde in April.
While NATO officials have fumed at recent violations, the United Nations has the final say in ordering air strikes - a fact that has caused friction between the

two organisations. Friday's attack seemed partly designed to present a United U.N.-NATO front to the Serbs. Whether that unity will hold if there are further incidents remains to

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Crown Prince: Peace should do away with disparity, social injustice

text of the speech made by His Royal Highness Crown Prince, Hassan before the inauguration of the Aqaba-Ethat crossing

IT GIVES me great pleasure to join you all today to inaugurate the Aqaba-Eilar bor-der gate. It is indeed a significant step towards the full implementation of the provisions of the Washington Declaration, signed at the White. House by His Majesty King Hussein together with President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Declaration comes after years of relentless efforts by His Majesty King Hussein to obtain a durable and comprehensive resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Without prejudice to the outcome of negotiations on the delineation and demarcation of our common boundaries, the opening of this border gate demonstrates our joint commitment to make a concrete contribution to peace-making. Our presence today signifies our determination to translate our intentions into tangible realities on the grounds. Only in this way can we overcome the legacy of suffering and torment that dominates the daily life of our peoples, and poisons the conduct of regional and international rela-

tions in this part of the world. Jordan and Israel lie at the heart of the Middle East and constitute an important confluence between three continents - Europe, Asia and Africa. It has always been our vision, that under conditions of peace, the Middle Eat would be marked by the free movement of persons, capital and goods across national frontiers. The Agaba-Eilat border gate represents a physical demonstration of our desire to promote inter-regional transportation network. Our region is the birthplace of civilisation; it is the crossroads of different cultures where their interaction has produced the sophistication that has enthralled mankind throughout the

Henceforth third country citizens will be able to marvel at this precious heritage. It is only the first step in the long search to realise our vision of normal and harmonious good neighbourliness. Let this gateway be a token of our resolve that soon our peoples will be able to share, exchange and marvel at their common legacy.

Allow me to reiterate what I said when I met with President Clinton in the presence of Foreign Minister (Shimon) Peres at the White House last October. The fundamental task of peace building is to



of the 'Araba Crossing' between Aqaba and Ellat on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Secretary of State Warren onday (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan) Christopher (centre) shake hands together after the opening

alleviate the prevalent conditions of poverty and deprivation in many segments of our societies. We agreed on the need to put an end to the politics of despair and dispossession. Peace should relate directly to the basic interests of those who bore the brunt

of war by building material interdependence in major

economic spheres. Let the opening of this border gate in this particular location mark the foundation stone on which we intend to build our common future. I now turn to our great

Jordanian people, who have always sought peace and jus-tice, to say that this day that witnesses the inauguration of this border crossing must be

viewed as a symbol of the

passage of the just peace

which we envision for our

future generations. Indeed,

the challenges of peace require further commitment, effort, and labour to translate the slogan of peace into the reality of progress and prosperity on the ground. Peace, it should be added, must spark our innovative abilities and make this desert

a success story to be remembered by succeeding genera-

You have always stood firm and steadfast behind your Hashemite leadership in peace no less than in war, and have unfailingly been the best of family in adversity. As such, you shall always remain, as His Majesty, the leader, has always known you to be, the best kinsfolk when a new dawn breaks on a region that has long suffered agony and bitterness.

I cannot but recall here the souls of our faithful martyrs; the martyrs of 1948, of 1967. and of all the long years of struggle. They gave their blood in defence of the right of their people and of their homeland to a secure and prosperous life.

Throughout history, Jordan has been a gateway through which civilisations have passed and a crossing point upon which various current have converged; none of which has ever altered the true identity of this country. Having always been a bridge to hope and well-being, Jordan stood as a great portal of hope to the thousands who passed through this homeland during the Gulf crisis -the thousands with whom we shared what little food, water, and medicine we had. Today, we open this crossing

point to our guests from other countries. We are giving them the opportunity to see the facts for themselves and to our cultural heritage. In turn they may convey to their peoples and nations in due course a humanitarian message of the region's dire need for development and all that development requires in infrastructure. This will contribute to the alleviation of the suffering of our Jordanian individual.

The crossing point also stands as an assertion of our understanding of the concept of openness and communication with the world without forsaking our rights. What we witness today is indeed yet a further message to the world that conflict in this part of the world has gone on for too long; and that we desire that

it go on no longer. Let it be a testimony to our joint commitment to turn the Jordan Rift Valley into a valley of hope, development and prosperity for all our must be underpinned by the will to do away with disparity and social injustice and build a commonwealth of shared human interest.

And I quote the Bible: Turning the valley of trouble into a gate of hope.

Christopher: U.S. will walk the final miles air links, economic coopera-Today, a half a world battle for Aqaba. It has been

Following is the full text of remarks made by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the inauguration of the Aqaba-Eilat border crossing-point

THE GREAT American author, William Faulkner, once proclaimed "man will not merely endure; he will prevail." Today, again, your two countries fortify our faith in that basic proposition. Through 46 years of pain and suffering and conflict, Israel and Jordan have endured: Their war is over. Now peace will prevail.

Today Israel and Jordan are lifting the spirits of a wounded region, by reminding it of the courage and

brunt of war" through tangi-ble realities on the ground, also addressed Jordanians in

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the Crown Prince, who ended

his speech quoting the Old

Testament in Hebrew, to the

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honour, the compassion and sacrifice that two peoples can demonstrate in the search for peace. From this ancient and sacred land, a new message of hope and reconciliation. born of blood and tears, has gone out. The longings and prayers of generations of Arabs and Jews are being fulfilled.

Inst two weeks ago, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin came together at the White House to sign the Washington Declaration. There, with the world as their witness, they declared an end to the conflict between their two nations. There, they pledged to build the bonds of a real and lasting peace between their peoples.

away, that promise is being redeemed. Here, in the land of miracles, the rhetoric of peacemaking is being translated into reality. With the eyes of the world once more upon them, Israel and Jordan have acted with boldness and courage. A crossing point is opened, a wall torn down. The burden formed by decades of fear and suspicion

The area where we meet today is heavy with history and emotion. It is a place of legendary achievement, where in 1917 the forces of (Sharif) Hussein, great grandfather of Jordan's King and Crown Prince, won the

has been eased.

place of tension, whose lands and nearby water-ways have been the source of heated disputes, and even war, between Israel and its Arab neighbours. And it has been a place of longing, where Israelis and Jordanians could and Aqaba and see each other, but not know each

Today, that begins to change. By bringing to life the promise of the Washing-

tion and security coordination, Jordan and Israel will, step by step, transform their relations, as well as their

We know that there is yet

much work to do. We know

that the forces of hatred are using terror and violence to undermine our efforts. They must not and shall not succeed. We must continue to push ahead until our goal is achieved. The only route home for all of us lies through the gates of a comprehensive tween Israel and all her

have supported you in coming this far, the United States will walk the final miles with

ples of the Middle East.



Yitzhak Rabin addresses Monday's ceremony (Photo by

Walls are tumbling because peoples, leaders want it — Rabin

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the inauguration of the Aqaba-Eilat crossing

Your Royal Highness, the Secretary of State of the United States, Prime Minister of Jordan, the foreign minister of Israel, ministers of the governments of Jordan and Israel, Ladies and gentlemen.

The stage master working in the service of history has done us a great favour today. He has chosen this site as the ideal backdrop for the new relationships being formed between Israel and Jordan.

We are literally seated at this time and this place — all of us, Israelis, Jordanians and Americans — on the remains of the past. We are sitting on an old minefield which was cleared only three days ago. This is what divided Israel and Jordan for decades. This is the field in which death and destruction were sowed.

We are sitting at this time and at this place all of us, Israelis and Jordanians, before the future. To our right and to our left stand New Israel-Jordan border crossing terminals, which sprang up overnight in short time. Tourists and businessmen from all over the world will start to pass through here from Eilat to Aqaba, from Aqaba to Eilat, from Israel to Jordan and from Jordan to

Israci. Three days ago this was a wilderness. Only sand and more sand. Today this place breathes with new life. open.

Three weeks ago the dream of peace was far away.

Following is the text of the Today it is materialising — address made by Israeli telephone lines, tourism. Soon it will seem as though this is the way it has always

Ladies and gentlemen. They say to us the pace of events is too fast, we cannot keep up, wait a moment. Your Royal Highness, our friends in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, we have waited 46 years, we have gone through war, pain and suffering. To prevent further

loss and sorrow, we cannot wait even one day more.

It looks like the walls of hostility are tumbling down before our eyes. And all this would have been impossible had not the two peoples, the Jordanians and the Israelis. and their leadership, wanted this to happen. This is the first step on a long journey. There are still problems, difficulties, obstacles, and chal-

lenges ahead. But the farsightedness which has characterised our contacts in the past and which has compelled us to take the first steps towards peace and the spirit of responsibility and pragmatism, (these) in the end will reach comprehensive peace with the Kingdom of Jordan and with all our

neighbouring Arab countries. Ladies and gentlemen in the Arava, of which Hosea says in the Bible, "the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and bloom as the

We hereby declare the Arava border crossing between Israel and Jordan now

Mazal Tov. Congratula-

The Aqaba-Eilat crossing, one of the confidence-

building measures in the Washington Declaration signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin on July 25 formally ending the 46-year-old state of war, was another step towards eventual normalisation of relations between the two

The inauguration of the crossing, some four kilometres from the town of Aqaba, followed the opening on Sunday of direct tele-phone links between the two countries, with a call from Israeli President Ezer Weizman to King Hussein. Israel has also pumped four million cubic metres of water to the Kingdom in what was seen by many as a symbolic gesture in the context of the outstanding water disputes between

the two countries. "We are literally sitting on the remains of the past," said Mr. Rabin, who was joined on the podium by Mr. Peres, who was the first to hold a public meeting with a Jordanian leader when he and Crown Prince Hassan met in Washington last October.

"This was a minefield cleared only three days ago," Mr. Rabin told Monday's gathering. "We are sitting before the future," said Mr. Rabin, who was accompanied by almost the entire government of Israel, former Foreign Minister Ebba Eban and negotiator Eliyakim Ruben-

Mr. Christopher, who arrived from Damascus after tough talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, reiterated the U.S. pledge made by U.S. President Clinton in Washington last month to continue to assist the two countries to reach a full

"Just as we have supported you in coming this far, the

Araba Crossing is opened United States will walk the the end of hostilities.

final miles with you." Mr. Christopher said quoting President Clinton. Mr. Christopher told journalists at a press conference held later at the King's palace that President Clinton had written is the price of peace." to the Paris Club of debtor nations recommending debt relief for Jordan (see related

"Here, in the land of miracles, the rhetoric of peacemaking is being translated into reality. With the eyes of the world once more upon them. Israel and Jordan have acted with boldness and courage," said Christopher, who later held talks with King Hussein and Mr. Rabin at the

King's residence.
"A crossing point is open, a wall torn down," said Mr. Christopher, who warned against the "forces of hatred" and cautioned that the only way to realise the goal of peace was a comprehensive

and lasting solution.
After the speeches, 10 sons and daughters of servicemen killed in action from each side shook each others' hands and exchanged gifts. The Jordanians, mostly members of the armed forces, presented the Israelis with a silver and bronze replica of the Nabatean city of Petra. The Israelis gave the Jordanians a medal with Eilat inscribed on it.

Saleh Mujalli Khreishe. whose father Khalid died in Jerusalem in 1948 while leading a Jordanian brigade in the first Arab-Israeli war, said it was "strange that I am here today when it was Yitzhak Rabin that had led the brigade which killed my father." Wars are launched for the

sake of peace," he said re-solutely. "Reality dictates that this should happen." Tears sprang to the eyes of some of the select Jordanian invitees as the 10 children of martyrs faced the Israelis. This is difficult to take, it

is too painful," a prominent politician told Jordan Times. The suffering cannot be removed with a handshake." After the martyr's children

exchanged gifts, veterans from both sides also stood facing each other, shaking hands and exchanging symbolic tokens of peace. The Jordanian invitees did not ap-Then the two heads of the

Jordanian and Israeli southera commands, Mohammad Lalkawi and Yousef Mishlef, saluted each other, capping

Explaining the subdued to the jubilant Israeli mood one official attending the ceremony said: "Of course everyone is shocked. But this Mr. Eban himself admitted

the difficulty posed by the psychological barrier. "The Jordanians had to

cross more ground than us," said Mr. Eban, an Israeli elder statesman and one of five dignitaries who attended the lunch at King Hussein's palace after the ceremony. They didn't accept our presence as legitimate. They've made a tremendous leap

Late last night, municipality cars could be seen hanging banners in support to the King's moves.
"Go ahead and we are

behind you," read one banner hung on an Aqaba street.
At the end of the day, in a fitting gesture, the King took Mr. Rabin and Mr. Christopher on his yacht showing old enemies can become very

good friends. "It is unbelievable that decades of war have ended so quickly," said a Jordanian attending the ceremony. He expressed hope that this rapproachment would reflect positively on the bilateral talks due to start today at the Dead Sea works on the Israeli side on the issues of border demarcation and wa-

Israeli soldiers and ordinary citizens stood in Israel watching the ceremony. Israelis, holding their pass-ports, waved them to the Israeli border guard.

"I always spoke of peace to my students," said Tamia, a political science teacher in Eilat attending the cere-mony. "Once Israelis are allowed to come to Jordan, I will be the first to come. I am sure you have a beautiful country. We always look across the bay to Aqaba."

The Israeli jubilation was very visible as King Hussein's motor yacht roared and an Israeli flotilla lurched into the deep blue waters to greet

Israelis appearing to have used everything from jet skis to tour boats followed the yacht "Haya," waving Israeli and Jordanian flags. stand on the beaches of Eilat

ton Declaration, we will weave together the fabric of human contact and mutual interest that are the foundation of genuine peace. Through open borders and open phones, road links and and lasting peace - between Israel and Jordan, and beneighbours. And as President Clinton pledged last month in Washington, "Just as we Your Highness, Mr. Prime Minister, for you and your

peoples, history has come full circle. From this place, at this time, the road of reconciliation between Arab and Jew has, literally, been opened again. Now, we must take it. The journey ahead remains sight. It is peace. Full peace. Jordan. Peace for all the peo-

Thank you.

King hosts Rabin at Aqaba "goodwill" overtures to Israel over the past two

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that Jordan was "dissatisfied" with the PLO for its lack of coordination with the Kingdom beginning with the Oslo agreement, delaying the signing of a PLO-Jordan economic agreement and misconstruing Jordan's position on Jerusalem.

The meeting with the representatives of Jordanian, Israeli and American media in the garden of the King's residence in Aqaba was another step in a process towards normalising relations between former enemies.

Sitting in the heat shaded by palm trees, the King told journalists and officials from the three sides that he hoped future generations would experience "the kind of peace that I have never experienced over the many many years

that have passed." "I hope that it is something that we will leave for all peoples, for men, women and children to live in and enjoy in the future," the King said.

Secretary of State Christ-opher, who earlier at a ceremony inaugurating the first Eilat-Aqaba crossing, pledged that his country will 'walk the final mile' in assisting Jordan and Israel to reach a full peace, and revealed that President Bill Clinton had written to the member states of the Paris Club of creditor nations recommending they write off Jordan's debt.

Jordan, which has already began to reap the peace di-vidend after the King signed the Washington Declaration ending 46 years of hostility, owes the 13-member club an estimated \$1.1 billion out of a total of about \$6.6 billion in overall foreign debts.

A senior Jordanian official explained to the Jordan Times that Jordan has been informed by the U.S. secretary of Mr. Clinton's recommendation to the Paris Club and said that if successful "about a third of the Kingdom's debt would have been removed."

Already the U.S. is in the process of writing off \$220 million in Jordan's debt and is due to write off an estimated \$500 million in the next two years.

"I reported to His Majesty

and the others today that the

legislation in the United States for debt relief for Jordan is proceeding through Congress at unusually rapid pace," the U.S. secretary

told reporters. "President Clinton has written to the Paris Club a couple of days ago recommending debt relief for Jordan," he said.

Mr. Rabin, who appeared very relaxed at the talks, talked about the signing of the Washington Declaration describing it as a "landmark in the road to peace" before taking questions and pledged his country's commitment to accelerated peace moves and resolution of outstanding

problems. But Jordanian officials said they were disappointed with Mr. Rabin's failure to make a firm commitment on the issues of land and border even though they said they were satisfied with his tone of commitment to handle the negotiations seriously and reach an agreement with Jor-

dan on this issue. Mr. Rabin, in answer to a question, said that Israel has already pledged itself to find-ing a solution to this problem but that the demarcation of the boundaries needed accurate work.

"We have agreed that there is tomorrow a beginning of serious negotiations first in the tent later on with such complicated items in the Dead Sea company hotel and negotiations will start and we will do the utmost to reach agreement about this issue and other issues as soon as greement will be reached," M. Rabin said.

"Allow me to remind you that the border between British mandate Palestine and the Kingdom of Jordan has never been marked it has to be done in a very careful accurate way based on maps all kinds of agreements of the

past, and the work will be done," he said. "We made a major decision that we are going to tackle and to solve this issue," he concluded.

But a senior Jordanian official, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity, said that Mr. Rabin, despite his commitment to resolving this issue, "was not forthcoming enough."

long. But our step is steady. Our vision is clear. And our destination lies plainly in Peace for Israel. Peace for

weeks will be met with concrete commitment on the border and water issues.

"We were disappointed," the senior official said without elaboration. On the issue of displaced persons, which make a large

percentage of Jordan's population, Mr. Rabin also appeared to be dodging a direct response which would commit him to allowing these refugees to return to their homes in the occupied terri-

Revealing that a fourmember-committee of Jordan, Palestinians, Egypt and Israel was in the works, Mr. Rabin said that it was part of the agenda of that committee to discuss resolving the problem of displaced persons.

"I do not believe that at

this stage it will be advisable

to me to say what will be the results," Mr. Rabin said. Conceding that there was pressure on Israel from 'many corners" he said that he believed that "invitations were issued or will be issued for the convening of such a committee and the commit-

tee will discuss it." Mr. Rabin said the new chapter in Israeli-Jordanian ble of what can be achieved in relations between Israel and the other Arab coun-

Turning to the King, Mr. Rabin said of Israel's expanding relations with Jordan: "I don't believe this could be achieved without your vision and courage. You led your people through difficult periods and you make the right decision."

'Long road for Syria, Israel'

(Continued from page 1) of responses."

Hizbollah is believed responsible for bloody attacks on Jews in Buenos Aires, London and possibly Panama. It had also duelled with Israel over the border from Lebanon, where Syria is the dominant political and milit-

ary forces.
"I expressed my concerns about Hizbollah," Mr. Christopher said. "We had a serious discussion of that Jordanian officials had issue."

Arab Gulf states tighten grip on spending

ABU DHABI (AFP) -Arab Gulf states are tightening their grip on spending earnings from their huge crude exports in a bid to tackle chronic budget deficits and avoid draining overseas reserves.

With oil prices languishing at nearly half their 1981 levels, the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states are no longer lavishing funds with some considering imposing taxes and freezing most

After spending cuts failed to bridge the gap in most countries, authorities moved to tighten supervision of ministries to ensure they stick to budget allocations and in some cases even cut expendi-

Such controls were successful in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where government offices now have to get approval from the state-run auditing department to finance new projects.

"The department has become the finance ministry's strong arm in its efforts to force all departments to be rational in their spending and ensure allocations will be used properly," a UAE offi-cial told AFP.

"This has produced great results as the budget deficit has turned into a surplus over the past two years without any negative impact on the economy. This has saved the government the effort to tackle the deficit."

Official figures showed a UAE projected deficit of \$470 million for 1993 turned into a surplus of \$14.3 million after actual spending was reduced from \$4.79 billion to \$4.19 billion.

A 1992 deficit of \$400 million also became a surplus of \$572 million after actual expenditure was cut from \$4.72 billion to \$4.22 billion dol-

The surpluses were

achieved despite high defence spending which sapped nearly half the budgets as the UAE and other Gulf states pressed ahead with plans to bolster their armies.

Qatar, where a budget deficit has persisted for 10 years, is also planning to follow the UAE's example with the auditing department seeking greater powers to ensure more efficient supervision of public finance.

"There are efforts to offset the effects of weak oil prices on our income. This requires tightening expenditure and protecting the country's resources against misuse and mismanagement," the department's undersecretary, Sheikh Fahd Ibn Jassim Al Thani, told the UAE daily Al

"The department has finalised a draft law that will strengthen its independence so it will carry out its auditing functions effectively. The law

will be put forward to the competent authorities for approval," he said.

Kuwait said last week it hoped its budget deficit. would disappear by 2000 when it overcomes financial burdens resulting from the 1990 Iraqi invasion.

Defence expenditure in Kuwait was projected at around \$1.67 billion in the fiscal year 1994-1995, boosting the estimated deficit by 23 per cent to around \$5 billion over the previous year. Without defence allocations, the deficit could be 16 per cent

"Spending in Kuwait had also come under tight control as the budget had gone through several bodies including parliament," a Gulf economist .said. "But expenditure is projected higher this year only because of post-war obligations. When they are over, spending could

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, suffered most from low crude prices forced to borrow virtually annually and withdraw a large part of its overseas

Its financial plight was underscored in the latest budget which slashed expenditure by 19 per cent to curb a widening deficit that has drawn criticism from the International Monetary Fund for the first time.

Spending was projected at \$42.66 billion in 1994, cutting the estimated shortfall to \$1.25 billion from \$7.42 bil-

Oman also trimmed spending by 10 per cent and an Omani official told AFP there could be further cuts throughout the year to eliminate the deficit. Bahrain was the least

affected by weak crude prices as it does not depend heavily on oil exports.

PLO faces fresh squeeze as UAE stops Palestinian tax

United Arab Emirates (UAE) has cancelled a tax on Palestinian workers used to help finance the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which is struggling to pay for self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, PLO sources said Monday.

The move will deprive the PLO of more than \$5 million a year deducted from the nearly 70,000 Palestinians in the Emirates.

The sources said Palestinians working in the UAE, once a key financial backer of the PLO, no longer pay a five per cent "Liberation Tax" destined for the organisation under a long-standing agree-ment with the oil-rich Gulf

"The UAE government no longer deducts five per cent from the monthly salaries of Palestinian employees in the country," a PLO source told

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The AFP. "The decision took effect from July 1. I do not know the reasons but it is apparently linked to the autonomy agreement be-tween the PLO and Israel."

Israel and the PLO signed a peace agreement last September opening the way to autonomy in Gaza and

The UAE and other Gulf started levying taxes on Palestinians more than 20 years ago to support the PLO in its conflict with Israel.

The taxes had earned the group more than \$50 million year before the revenues sharply declined after Kuwait expelled most of its 400,000 Palestinians because of the PLO's backing of Iraq.

Although other Gulf states did not follow suit, they joined Kuwait in freezing financial assistance for the

Most Gulf nations have patched up ties with the PLO but Kuwait insists it will never deal again with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, saying it was stabbed in the back by his sympathy for President Saddam Hussein after the 1990 Iraqi invasion of the emirate.

"Even one dollar will count now. The PLO is in a terrible financial situation due to the freeze in Gulf assistance and delay in international aid promised when we signed the autonomy deal with Israel," a PLO source

"It is not only the auton-

omous areas which need funds. PLO employees in the region are also suffering. Most of them have been paid their wages only twice or three times for the past 15 months," he pointed out.

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Gulf states were the main financial supporters of the PLO before the Iraqi invasion. They had extended nearly 90 per cent of the \$2 billion pledged by Arab states at the Baghdad summit in 1979. Hundreds of millions of dollars were also channelled to the PLO in grants and private donations.

But Kuwait and other Gulf states have promised to contribute to an international aid package for Palestinians in the self-rule areas. They have stressed such aid would be channelled only through the World Bank.

The PLO sources said Saudi Arabia, which now hosts the largest Palestinian community in the region, was maintaining the liberation tax-which it dubs as Zakat, under which Muslims pay part of their earnings to the poor as

The taxes are also still in force in Qatar and Bahrain. which have a relatively small Palestinian community, they

"Palestinians in these three countries are still paying taxes for the PLO. There has been no decision to stop them and I do not expect any change in the near future," a spokesman at the PLO office in Qatar told AFP by tele-

Yemeni president faces economic problems now

SANAA (R) — Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, victorious over southern rebels, must now improve deteriorating living condi-tions of 14 million Yemenis to avoid a real threat to his regime, political and diplomatic sources said.

President Saleh, whose forces captured Aden, capital of a self-declared southern Yemeni state, on July 7 after a two-month civil war in what was already one of the Arab World's poorest and least developed countries.

President Saleh now faces the problems of forming a new cabinet, achieving national reconciliation and mending fences with neighbouring countries that sympathised with the south, a political source said.

But his first priority was to alleviate the burden of price increases, an official said.

"The president cut short a tour of the provinces and decided to return to Sanaa (at the weekend) to tackle the problem of increasing prices," the official said, adding that senior officials would meet over the next few days to discuss the issue.

The value of the Yemeni rival against the U.S. dollar has risen on the free market to between 60 and 65 to the dollar against 130 at one

stage during the war. But prices of many consumer goods which went up by more than 200 per cent did not come down.

"People demonstrated admirable restraint over price increases during the war. It is alion. now the duty of the leadership to improve their living conditions. Failure to do this can pose a real threat to Saleh's regime," said a di-

One political source said a

recurrence of the riots over price increases in December 1992 when shops were looted and stoned and cars burnt in several Yemeni cities "can pose a fatal blow to the regime. This time it cannot

blame it on the YSP." The riots were then blamed by President Saleh's General Peoples Congress (GPC) on the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP), whose leader Ali Salem Al Beidh, then vicepresident in a 50-50 coalition between the two parties, led the breakaway southern

Mr. Beidh declared a breakaway state on May 21, almost three weeks after the start of civil war, but this collapsed when President Saleh's forces captured

The official said the immediate task would be to ensure basic supplies through imports and by hitting black marketeers hard.

Several ships are reported to have arrived in the Red Sea port of Hodeida over the past few days carrying sugar. The price of a 50-kilogramme sack which soared to between 6,000 and 7,000 riyals, has gone down to 2,500 riyals residents in Sanaa and Aden

A Sanaa court sent 141 traders to jail and has referred several government officials for investigation, the government newspaper Al Thawra said Monday. President Saleh said his

country's losses during the war totalled about \$7.5 bil-"The economy is below

zero. Saleh needs a miracle to get the country out of this situation," another diplomat Meanwhile, Yemen, its re-

lations with Arab Gulf neigh-

bours at an all-time low because of their sympathy for the defeated southerners in the Yemen civil war, hinted Monday it might demand they compensate it for war

"Yemen is considering asking countries that backed the secessionists and provided them with weapons and mercenaries for compensation for human and material losses," said an official source who would not name the countries involved.

"Yemen might lodge a complaint with the U.N. Security Council to ask these countries to pay the necessary compensation," the source told Reuters.

During two months of war that ended July 7, the Sanaa government said the secessionists were getting military and financial support from neighbouring countries. It also said those countries had recruited foreign mercenaries, especially pilots, to help the Aden-based breakaway

Although Sanaa did not name the countries, officials pointed at big neighbour Saudi Arabia and further afield at Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. The three were among Gulf states angered by Sanaa's support for Iraq in the 1990/91 Gulf

Saudi Arabia has categorically denied reports in the Washington Post and the London Sunday Times over the past few days that it hired MiG-29 warplanes and their Russian pilots to fight for the south in the Yemen civil war.

However officials acknowledged that the true outflow of Chinese capital since Chi-But diplomats said these na opened up to the outside world in 1979 was much highdenials had not dampened excitement in Sanaa over the er, with many local firms reports, which appeared to failing to register their activiconfirm what many northern ties with the ministry. Yemenis believed.

Iranian parliament moves to protect poor in 5-year budget plan

TEHRAN (AFP) — The Iranian parliament set out a five-year budget plan Monday aimed at protecting the poor in line with a call from the country's spiritual guide Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,

parliament sources said. The measures were aimed at giving the government greater powers in sterring the economy in the period from 1995 to 2000, reversing the free-market policies of the past five years.

Prices of basic goods and services will be frozen or subject to gradual increases. The government was mandated to pursue a protectionist policy to help the poor, regarded as the Islamic regime's main power base.

Ayatollah Khamenei had

urged parliament to pay greater attention to Iran's dispossessed and maintain most of the current subsidies on basic

BELJING (AFP) - China

has approved \$5.2 billion of

overseas investment by

By June, the minister of

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\$3.47 billion, the China Daily

Business Weekly said.

report has said.

"Social justice is an important as economic development," he said in a letter to

parliament earlier this year. The Iranian leader has the authority to set the country's political, social, economic and security guidelines.

In response to his call, parliament set up a committee of specialists from each of the assembly's subcommittees to review the draft budget presented by the government. The government had asked

for a 20 per cent hike in the cost of medicines and other increases to help achieve "real prices" for basic goods. In return, the government would improve the country's social security system to provide a safety net for the needy.

But the committee rejected the call and obliged the government to maintain a sub-

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One member of the committee, Mohammad Hashemi Rahbari, said parliament had decided to create a balance between the different sectors of the economy.

Parliament also decided to

provide special financial incentives for members of the Islamic volunteers militia and other political cadres and give them a greater role in economic management.

Heeding Ayatollah Khamenei's advice, parlia-ment also obliged the government to repay 25 per cent of the country's foreign debt by the end of the five-year plan.

Iran's total foreign debt, estimated at some \$30 bilion, built up due to a plunge in oil revenues last year and excessive imports on credit terms in 1990-1992.

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expects 9-10 per cent growth this year SINGAPORE (AFP) — Prime Minister Gob Chok in May that gross domestic

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Tong announced Monday an unward revision in Singapore's economic growth forecast to between nine and 10 per cent this year based on higher productivity and stable prices. "We are doing well this

year. Economic growth in the first half of 1994 was 10.5 per cent. This follows a strong 9.9 per cent growth in 1993," Mr. Goh said in his national day Singapore, which cele-

brates the 29th anniversary of its independence Tuesday, last chalked up a double-digit growth rate of 11.1 per cent

"All sectors of the eco-nomy are expanding. Produc-tiv v growth is high, consumer plices have been stable, despite the introduction of the goods and services tax in April," he said.

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He was referring to the broad-based three per cent valued added tax introduced to widen the government's revenue base.

"For the year as a whole, the ministry of trade and industry has revised the growth forecast upwards, to between nine and 10 per cent," Mr. Goh said. A ministry spokesman said

product growth was likely to be at the higher end of a six-to-eight per cent forecast made by the ministry last November. Mr. Goh said Singapore's

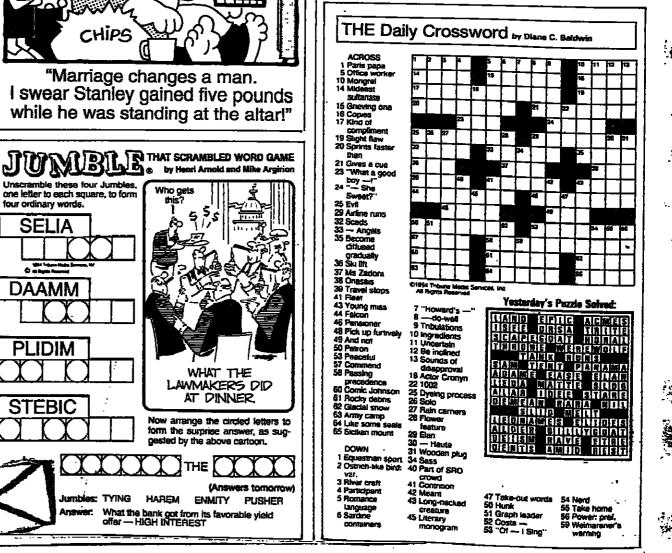
per capita income of 22,000 Singapore dollars (\$14,600) exceeded that of Britain's and New Zealand's.

But he said it would take Singapore many more years to catch up with the accumulated assets in centres of learning in developed countries, their think tanks, libraries, art galleries, museums, theatres, opera houses, national manufactures, and national monuments and

national parks. Mr. Goh reiterated his concern over leadership succession, saying the challenge facing Singapore was to get the younger generation, now in their 30s and 40s, to prepare to take charge of

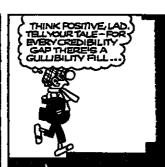
Singapore in the 21st century. "Honest, able and committed leaders are the most important single factor in deciding Singapore's future. We need another 10 to 15 in the next few years, men and women who can think and work beyond themselves and their immediate families, or Singapore will decline," he

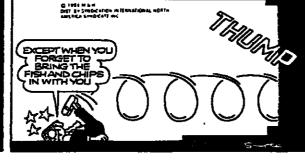
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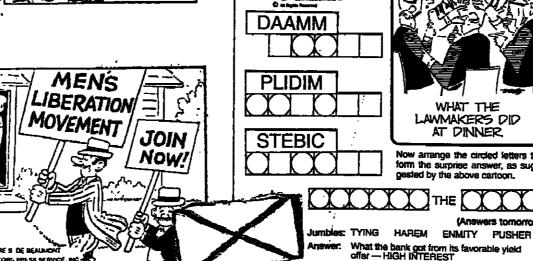


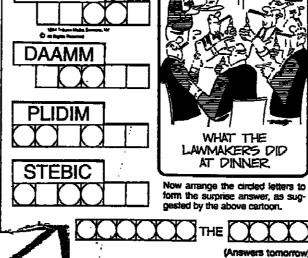
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back in force, filling hotels

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was much less," says Sherif

Ali, sales executive for the

Cairo Sheraton, a five-star

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Staying for periods ranging from three days to three

months, the tourists - most-

ly from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait

and other countries in the

Arabian Gulf — represent a

hefty annual revenue to

Egypt, which relies on tour-

ism for a large part of its

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foreign currency earnings.

This is the first season of

recovery for the multi-million

dollar industry since Muslim

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Most four and five-star

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hotels now boast 100 per cent

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For many Arabs, Egypt

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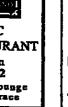
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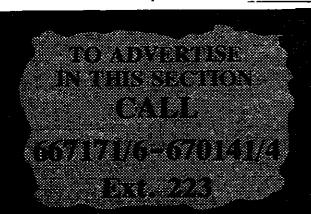
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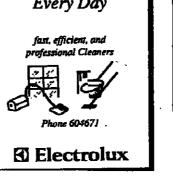
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ABU DHABI (R) - Saudi bank shares were hardest hit in a market that saw its overall value slump by 30 per cent in the first half of this year buthe Saudi stock market is showing signs of recovery, economists said.

Arabs flock to Egypt, help reverse tourism decline

Saeed, a 23-year-old Saudi

Arabian sporting fashionable

sunglasses and a trendy hair-

Frequenting gambling casi-

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outlawed by Islamic sharia law, or cruising down Cairo's main boulevards seems to be

"They come down from

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part of this enjoyment.

The overall index for the Gulf's biggest stock market fell to 128.80 points in the middle of July from 181.68 points in January. Bank shares lost almost half of their value.

bullion markets Monday.

By the end of July the 100-point overall index showed its first signs of recovery with a rise to 138.09 points but analysts said investors are still holding back.

'We have seen a case of a slight upward movement from that bottom level but we haven't yet seen a full recovery," said Abdul Aziz Al Dukheil, president of Conand Investment.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and

sulting Centre for Finance Brokers predicted in April

stocks, hit with the rest of the economy since the beginning of the year by lower oil prices, had bottomed out and should steady in the second half of 1994.

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Mr. Ali said.

"In general the market is still waiting for a big push to take it upward from the downward level it found after the major drop in stock prices in April 1994," Sheikh Dukhei: said.

"Basically it is limping no one leg. For the market to recovery, there has to be confidence in oil prices. Higher government income triggers an upward market movement," he pointed out. Of all the economic sec-

tors, the index for the financial sector that is dominated by the banks recorded the biggest drop. It fell to 82.74 points in July from 154.44 in January.

A bank economist said the index for Saudi banks was down after 10 banks reported profitability fell 10 per cent in the second quarter.

"Because bond and equity markets are not doing verywell in the West, that facto ris impacting on the profitability this year of Saudi banks," said Saudi-based bank economist.

A resident of Agouza disguess they are being careful." trict expressed disgust at the Room rates at the five-star sight of a man playing the flute as a young girl danced in hotels they frequent range from \$130 to \$190 a night in a the streets around his house to attract the Arabs. double room and minimum But Hassan Ahmad, a taxi charges for night-clubs are at least 100 Egyptian pounds

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Samir Moursi, a taxi driver.

Let them come. They bring money for all of us. If someone will do something for money they will do it with whomever has the money, Arab or European. Aren't we more deserving of their money than the European?

Oil prices bounce back as Nigerian strike

continues

LONDON (R) - Oil prices rebounded Monday as the five-week-old oil workers' strike in Nigeria, which has slashed output by 20 per cent, showed no signs of ending.

Traders said the recovery was hardly surprising given the heavyfall Friday when oil prices closed more than 50 cents down on perceptions that Nigeria's crisis was eas-

"It was the bounce we expected. The market suspended reality Friday but we started the week on the realisation that it's still a grave situation in Nigeria," said Peter Gignoux, head of the London energy desk at Smith, Barney.

The September futures contract on the International Petroleum Exchange for Brent Blend crude oil, the North Sea crude oil which serves as a world benchmark, touched a high of \$18.26 Monday, up 40 cents from Friday's close but down from last week's peak of \$19.41, a 15-month high.

However, prices later eased back on news tht a United Nations draft resoluion permitting Turkey to flush out a pipeline contain-ing Iraqi oil could be presented to the Security Council by the end of August. The possibility that as

much as 27 million barrels of Iraqi oil could hit the market as a result of the flush aimed at saving the pipeline from further corrosion - has haunted the oil market since it was first proposed months

Oil prices peaked on Aug. 1 on news tht the strike now in its sixth week - had cut Nigeria's 1.9 million barrel per day (b/d) production by as much as 25 per cent.

But heavy selling hit the market Friday afternoon when Nigeria's federal court, in a hastily-called emergency session, offered president claimant Moshood Abiola conditional bail. Mr. Abiola's lawyer, who

did not submit the bail application, described Friday's hering as bizarre and Mr. Abiola's relatives dismissed the offer as a ploy by Nigeria's military rulers to silence him. Mr. Abiola, widely believed to have won annulled presidential elections last year, has been in custody since June and is being tried for treason.

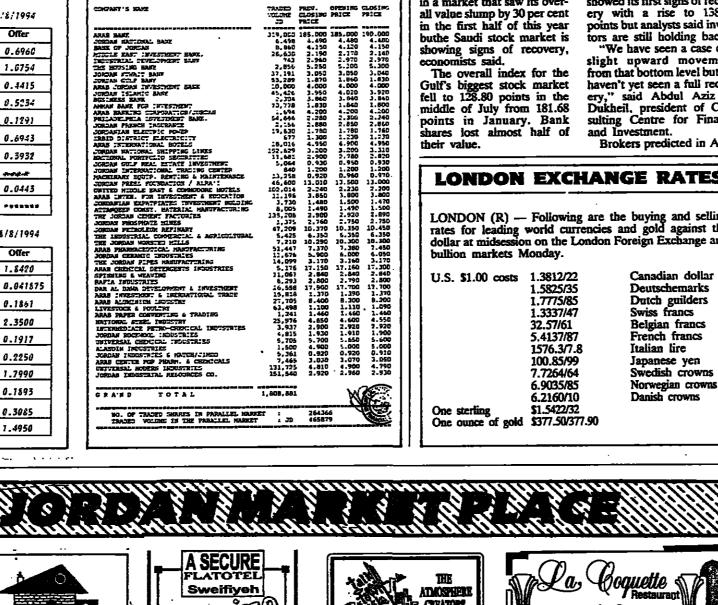
Oil unions PENGASSAN and NUPENG said the move, which they deemed political on the part of the military government, made them more determined to stepup their strike action.

The unions are demanding that the military authorities hand power to Mr. Abioa. "We are not going to call off our strike. In fact we will intensify the action," PEN-GASSÁN President Bola Owodunni said Saturday. "This court thing is a ruse." Industry sources estimate

the strikes is cutting Nigeria's crude oil output by about 20 per cent. Some oil firms aree now convincing staff members to return to work. Oil prices were also

boosted Monday by a report from influential newsletter Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) that oil production of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Nigeria is a member, fell in July.

Traders said the steady; not higher, OPEC output and expectation of higher demand during the northern hemisphere winter, should underpin oil prices.



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Late surge earns Anton 10,000 metre title

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) - After 25 laps it came down to a kicking duel. And that's where Spainiards, World Cup quarterfinalists, feel they have an advantage.

Abel Anton surged past Vincent Rousseau of Belgium with only 10 metres left Sunday to win the 10,000 metres at the European Athletics Championships by six tenths of a second.

The furious finish, in a personal best of 28 minutes, 6.03 seconds, earned the 31year-old Spaniard his first medal in a major championship.

Rousseau, running his first 10,000 of the season, led the race coming into the stretch. But he couldn't answer Anton's final kick and settled with the silver medal.

-"I knew during the last 2,000 metres that I would win," Anton said. "I was very happy with the track, which is not very fast." "I benefitted from the slow

pace. This victory is no surprise because I had faith in my sprint. I felt confident during the whole race because no one was prepared to committ themselves to a fast pace.

The latest big Spanish race victory came in the Barcelona Olympics two years ago, when Fermin Cacho used similar tactics to win the 1,500-metre gold medal.

Anton's best previous performance was a victory in the 10,000 metres at the 1987 European Cup finals.

An estimated crowd of 30,000 was on hand at Helsinki's renovated Olympic Stadium, including the former Finnish Long distance great Lasse Viren, who won Olympic gold medals in the 5,000 and 10,000 inthe 1972 and 1976 summer games.

Rousseau was timed in 28:06.63 and Germany's Stephane Franke, who barely missed a bronze medal in last year's World Championships, placed third in 28:07.95.

"It was a very close finish,"-Rousseau said. "But I couldn't do anything earlier. The wind was in my face on the backstraight, and I lost a lot of energy there. It was too

hot. I didn't like the condi-

Earlier, Manuela Machado continued Portuguese women's winning marathon tradition, capturing the opening event in a relatively slow 2 hours, 29 minutes and 54 seconds.

Viktoriya Pavlysh of the Ukraine captured the women's shot put, winning with a throw of 19.61 metres in the opening round of the competition. It was Ukraine's first medal in European Championship history.

Astrid Kumbernuss of Germany was second at 19.49 (63-11 1-2). She took the silver medal on a better throw over Svetla Mitkova of Bulgaria, who also threw 19.49 (63-11 1-2). Kumbernus put 19.11 (62-8 1-2) on her sixth and last attempt to win the silver.

Machado's victory in hot and humid conditions gave the portuguese a perfect record in women's marathon at the European Championships. Rosa Mota won the three first races in 1982, '86 and '90.

'Rosa Mota will be glad," Machado said after the finish at the Olympic Stadium. "It was the toughest race in my life. My pre-race plan was to try to speed it up at the balfway mark."

The victory also was a birthday present for Machado, who turns 31 on Tuesday. Her previous best in a major marathon was a silver medal in last year's World

Championshipos in Stuttgart,

Germany. She was 10th in the 1990 Europeans. Maria Curatolo of Italy finished second in 2:30.33 for her best career finish and Adriana Barbu of Romania was third in 2:30.55.

Ornella Ferrara, another Italian, placed fourth in

Curatolo was the biggest surprise in the race, held before tens of thousands of

"I have never trained specifically for the marathon, so the result was a big surprise for me," Curatolo said. "I never hoped for the gold, but I just decided to put all I



France's 400m Olympic champion Marie-Jose Perec on her way to easy victory in her heat of the event at the European Athletic Cham-

pionships. The 24-year-old Guadeloupe athle-tic is currently based in the United States (AFP

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In preliminaries of other event, Linford Christie, racing for the first time in more than three weeks, breezed into the semifinals of the men's 100 metres.

Christie, who injured his left hamstring July 16 during a grand prix meet in London where he lost to American Jon Drummond, clocked a slow 10.39 in the first heat, then came back during the evening session to clock an impressive 10.08. He eased off at the finish of both heats.

The British veteran, windespite easing off at the finner of the 100 in both the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and

Tamopolskaya, who clocklast year's World Chamed 10.13 in the first round of pionships, is trying to become qualifying, wa just two hunthe first man since Valery dredths off her seasonal best Borzov to win three straight of 10.99. European titles in sprinting's

European record-holder Irina Privalova of Russia had a 11.20 during the evening session for the second fastest time. The women's semifinal and final are also scheduled Monday evening.

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Zayak finds new times too tough

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"These days, it's all just too tense" Zayak said. "You

just have to go out there and

But dreams die hard in a

Germany's twice olympic

champion Katarina Witt, the

sport where ice princesses become icons of athleticism,

jump or else it's all over."

ST. PETERSBURG (R) -Former world champion Elaine Zayak revolutionised women's figure skating with After singling her double axel and falling on a triple toe-loop, Zayak finished last arsenal of triple jumps in the early 1980s.

The 29-year-old American became so proficient at triples when she won the 1981 world title that the International Skating Union subsequently limited the number of jumps contestants could take in competition.

But today Zayak could not come close to breaking the rule for which she was responsible.

"Every girl out here can do a triple Lutz-double toe combo, but I can't anymore." Zavak said at the Goodwill Games which finished on Sunday.

The Goodwill Games were a bitter-sweet reminder for Zayak of the standards she set 13 years ago.

Skating under a dispensa-tion allowing professionals to reenter the amateur ranks, the woman who could do eight triples in one programme before she turned professional in 1985 could barely manage two in her games technical programme.

glamorous queen of figure skating in the 1980s, has faced similar disappointment in renewing her quest for Once, unequalled in her precision triples and sultry

elegance, Witt could manage only eighth place in the world championships. "Elaine and Katy might be able to pull it off if they trained rerally hard and got

their weight under control," said twice olympic champion Peggy Fleming. "But the pressure to do jumps today is: just ermendous."' The lone U.S. woman to

return to amateur competition, Zayak is of the skating generation that spent half itse time on compulsory figures.

Today those figures are a footnote in skating history, scrapped several years ago so th at the new spitfires on ice could concentrate. on perfec-

tion their jumps. The latest star, 14-year-old American Michelle Kwan, won the Goodwill Games silver medal by effortlessly

turning out seven triples and two double axels. Said Zayak: "I'm afraid to try all that now. It hurts when

I fall. In the former champion's heyday, the ritual discipline of brackets, counters and serpentines in compulsory figures offered a serene pre-

whirwind of freestyle. "The compusiory figures relaxed you, calmed you down," Zayak said. "It was so much less nerve-wracking to jump after having patched. Now in free-style, it's do or

lude to the high-pressure

Zayak may have flopped, but she retains her dreams. "I won the worlds in 1982 and nothing can replace that," she said. "But I'd rather not know too much and be young again and just go out here and skate."

200 metres

HELSINKI (R) — Defending champion John Regis of Britain pulled out of the European Championships 200 metres on Monday after injuring his left Achilles tendon in training, a spokesman for the British team

Regis, who ran a British record 19.87 seconds at the

days that the British team have lost a sprinter from

On Sunday, Solomon War-iso was withdrawn from the 200 metres after being positively tested for the banned stimulant ephedrine.....

Team spokesman Tony Ward said: "As I understand it John damaged the tendon training in Monte Carlo this morning. It is a huge blow to

Speaking on BBC Radio from Monte Carlo, Regis said: "The physic has told me that with a week's treatment I should be fit for Zurich next week and the Common-

"I am gutted and disappointed. I'm the defending champion and had to be in

les injury earlier this season, but was in superb form when he ran in Sestriere last week, beating world champion Frankie Fredericks of Namibia for the first time. Only eight men have run faster than the 19.87 seconds clocked by Regis that day.

Although Fredericks avenged that defeat in Monte

Regis out of

announced.

high altitude meeting in Sestriere, Italy on July 31, was the overwhelming favourite to win the gold to add to the four medals he collected at this event four years ago.
It is the second time in two

these championships.

wealth Games.

with a chance of a medal." Regis has suffered with a knee problem and an Achil-

Carlo last Tuesday, Regis was highly favoured to retain his title in Helsinki.

Egypt's Samir Gouda grabs the rebound from Germany's Henning Harnisch during the first half of their World Championship Basketball game at Maple Leaf Garden in Toronto, Canada (AFP photo)

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Goodwill Games struggle into next century

ST. PETERSBURG (R) — multi-coloured banners. The original reason for their existence has disappeared the crowds stay away and they continue to lose money. Yet somehow the Goodwill Games will struggle into the

Invented by U.S. television tycoon Ted Turner in 1985 as response to successive Olympic boycotts, a third and distinctly shaky edition of the 16-day multi-sports games finished bere on Sunday.

In a farcical end, a group of parachutists landed too early for their part in the closing ceremony, knocking over a

games saw the swimmin programme postponed for 24

hours because of dirty water. Pacemakers were openly used in the athletics programme by Moses Kiptanui and Noureddine Morcelli, leading sceptics to wonde why the organisers bothered with a medals ceremony at all when the likely winner was designated in advance.

Then, the combination of a heat wave and Russian incompetence frustrated efforts to get the Yubileiny Ice Rink ready in time for the stort track speedskating and figure

line of youths marching with skating.

Sloothaak wins show jumping gold

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Germany's Franke Sloothaak jumped four faultless rounds to win his first major show jumping title Sunday, beating Frenchman Michel Robert by just a half fault at the world equestrian games. Robert also completed the four-rider jumpoff without knocking down a fence but incurred a half fault time penalty which cost him the gold. Robert's time fault came while he was riding Sloothaak's horse San Patrignano Weihaiwej in the second round of a jump off. in which riders mount their own horses and then ride each of the other compenio rs'. Germany's Soeren von Roenne earned the bronze after picking up just four faults. Another German, Ludger Beerbaum, came fourth with 12 faults. The show jumping completed a memorable games for Germany, which won seven golds, four silvers and five bronzes to top the medal table. France was second with a gold, four silvers and a bronze while the U.S. team was third with its endurance gold, two silvers and a

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bronze. Earlier Sunday, Germany picked up individual and team gold in the four-inhand driving with Michael Freund winning the individual top honors from Britain's George Bowman and the Netherlands' Ijsbrand

Chardon. Belgium took team silver and the Netherlands

bronze. The next World Games will be held in Dub-

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At his closing news confer- days were disappointing, offi- funds have been committed The opening day of the ence on Sunday, Mr. Turner cials said they had picked up insisted all the problems been minor.

"If we could go back and get the ice a day earlier, we would do that." Mr. Turner said. "But I think that's very, very minor. "I think it went very well, it was a huge suc-

So now the cold war has ended, why bother with the

For Mr. Turner the answer is simple. Until he fulfils his ambition to buy one of the three major U.S. broadcasting networks he cannot bid for either summer or winter Olympics.

Accordingly, the Goodwill Games still represent the only chance for the former America's cup skipper to televise great chunks of A total of 117 countries

although Mr. Turner admit-

ted the ratings in the opening

were able to watch television coverage of the games and

in the second week. Mr. Turner has reaffired his commitment to the

blue-ribbon event.

Germany.

Borzov double for the

The semifinals and the fin-

Soviet Union at the 1972

summer olympics at Munich,

al are set for Monday even-

ing, in the women's 100.

Zhanna Tarnopolskaya of

Ukraine led all qualifiers into

the semis with a fast 11.01

games, flying to the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk last week to examine their credentials for staging the 2002 games.

A venue outside either the United States or Russia is a possibility.

"The types of city we would want to look at would be Beijing, Seoul, maybe one of the South African cities," said games President Jack Kelly. "Someone said Dublin the other day."

The 1998 games will be held in new York City. New York State Governor Mario Cuomo flew to Russia for Sunday's closing ceremony. Bob Johnson, chairman of

the 1998 Organisation Committee, said New York's commitment to the games could be measured "in concrete

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MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Michael Schultz scored in the 14th minute of extra time and New Zealand's Wynton Rufer added another 10 minutes later to give Werder Bremen a 3-1 victory over Bayern Munich on Sunday in the German Super Cup.

The victory spoiled the debut of coach Giovanni Trappatoni and striker Jean-Pierre Papin, both having come to the reigning German League champion from the Italian First Division.

The game, played between the reigning German League and cup champions, serves as an unofficial start to the German League season, which kicks off Aug. 20. It was the second straight

Super Cup victory for Bremen, which finished eighth in the Bundesliga season; eight points behind Bayern. This game gives me somthing to think about --we got a lesson from Werder

Bremen." Trapattoni said. Trapattoni, who left Juventus after leading it to a second-place finish in the Italian first division last season. takes over from Franz Beckenbauer, who guided Bayern to a record 13th Bundesliga title last season.

With the acquisition of players such as Papin from AC Milan and Swiss international Alain Sutter, Munich is hoping to regain the European Cup title, an honour it last won in 1976. It last went to the European Cup final in

Bayern played with 10 men following Oliver Kreuzer's



Bayern Munich's Alain Sutter (left) is challenged by Werder Bremen's Miroslav Votave and Mario Basler (right) during

their DFB (German Soccer Federation) Super Cup 1994 (AFP photo)

ejection in the 22nd minute for a professioanl foul on Bremen's Andreas Herzog as the midfielder closed on the

Munich goal. Bremen took the lead after only two minutes when Russian international Vladimir

Bestchastrich scored off a re-It took another 55 minutes legament.

But Munich recovered in Munich's play in the first the second half, earning repehalf lagged after Sutter was ated scoring chances with injured in the 34th minute on trip by Bremen defender

Ulrich Borowka. The Swiss midfielder. aiready a focus of the team's offense, was taken to the

Saudi Arabia and Holland -

the worst performance by an

African nation since Zaire

flopped in the then West

their opening match, but

heavy defeats by Brazil and

Russia ensured an early flight

home for the Indomitable

Wydad, who in 1992 be-

came the third Moroccan

club to lift the Champions'

Cup, were expected to over-

come Sogara and reach the

quarter-finals.

Cameroon held Swetlen in

Germany 20 years ago.

for Bayern to tie it, getting

the equaliser from Christian

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Bremen got a break in the first half when Thomas Helmer's free kick hit the cross

But a shock 1-0 home de-

feat two weeks ago left them

with a mountain to climb in

Libreville, and the peak dis-

appeared from their vision in

Nigerian Ipaye Waslu,

whose four goals helped the

Port Gentil club reach the

quarter-finals last year, con-

verted A 50th minute penalty

With five minutes left,

Gabonese international

Jonas Ogandaga put the seal

on the biggest upset of the

competition this year with a

second goal.

second half.

Nightmare on the cards for Manchester

PARIS (AFP) — England's F.A. Cup and premiership champions Manchester United will be praying little Avenir Beggen can save them from a nightmarish European Champions' Cup return trip to Galatasary.

Luxembourg's Avenir Beg-gen, who host the Turkish champions on Wednesday, have realistically no chance of winning their preliminary round tie and joining United in one of four Champions'

League groups.
"I thought UEFA might have closed the place after our last visit," said Manchester manager Alex Ferguson of their trip to Ali-Sami-Yen stadium last November.

United's players' were assaulted by police, fans were arrested in their hotels for no reason, and missiles were thrown by an aggressive crowd in the second-round, first leg tie they eventually lost on away goals.

Ferguson has even threatened to send a reserve team to save his all-star sqwuad from serious injury. However Frenchman Eric Cantona would not be makign the trio to the Turkish champions anyway.

The French striker, hit by a 64 to 100 teams. policeman's baton, was sus-Eight teams - defending

pended after being sent off by referee Kurt Rothlisberger in the same match for dissent. Cantona also claimed most European referees were corrupt in a dressing room interview afterwards with a French journalist.

Rothlisberger was recently in the public eye for the worst refereeing decision at the World Cup. The Swiss offi-cial was discredited for denying Belgium a certain penalty in their second-round World Cup defeat against Germany. However, United captain

Steve Bruce and his teammates will be far from complacent as they try to get revenge for their ordeal. "How could it be any other way after what happened to us last season?" Bruce asked, Czech champions Sparta Prague and IFK Gothenburg also compete for a place in group A alongside Manches-ter United and last year's runners-up Barcelona in this

restructured event. This year, only 24 national champions qualify for this competition, with the 24 title holders from lesser countries having to play in the UEFA Cup, which has grown from champions AC Milan and seven other clubs with the best European records over the previous five years have got an automatic bye into the champoins' league, which now will contain 16

teams in four groups of four. The top two in each group. played between September and December, will go into the quarter-final stage next March, which means teams could play as many as 13 matches to win the event.

Champions AC Milan await the outcome of two lesser known clubs which gave traditionally more powerful clubs a run for their money last season. Austria's Casino Salzburg

face Israel's Maccabi Haifa for a group D spot, also including Milan, Ajax Amsterdam, and the winner's of AEK Athens and Glasgow Rangers.

Six-months ago, Salzburg were crippled by debt, but their run to the UEFA Cup final, where they lost to Inter, wiped away their finan-cial problems. Salzburg beat Eintracht Frankfurt, Sporting Lisbon — just after which former England coach Bobby Robson was sacked as Sport-Antwerp, Cup Winners' Cup Europe.

finalists in 1992/93 season. Maccabi Haifa only lost to defending champions Parma on penalties in the second round of the Cup-Winners Cup last season after finishing 1-1 on aggregate.

It proved to be the hardest match for Parma, apart from their 1-0 loss in the final to an Alan Smith goal against London side Arsenal.

AC Milan reject Jean-Pierre Papin may have a nostalgic return to the Parc des Princes should Paris Saint Germain overcome Hungary's FC Vac in their preminary round match.

Papin is now with German champions Bayern Munich, who, along with Spartak Moscow, have a bye through to group B of the Champions League. Silkeborg of De-nmark and Ukraine's Dinamo Kiev play for other spot in the group.

PSG's new coach Luis Fernandez must overcome Janos Czank's team, who won the Hungarian title for the first ever time last season. The last four seasons, Vac have finished at least in the top four in the league after more than a century of anonymity ing coach — and Royal in Hungary as well as

Cardiff defend Searle after positive drug test

CARDIFF (R) — Cardiff ci-ty's Wales under-21 international Damon Searle failed a drugs test after the Welsh Cup final against Barry town in May, the club's medical

chief said on Monday. Searle, who has made more than 200 league cup appearances, now faces a ssible charge of bringing the game into disrepute and a

But the English second division side's medical officer, Dr. Leslie Hamilton, insisted: "This was a genuine mistake and there is a simple explanation. Damon complained of a severe headache before the match. He was supposed to have been given

a paracetamol tablet but was

given a distalgesiogn contain-ing a basined substance, in

"The athlet he was given contained a narcotic substane. It is not a therapeutic dose. If you were going to give a player a drug, you would give him a stimulant. not one that has a sedative

Damon. He simply took what he was given — it is not his fault. But we have no idea how the tablet with the banned substance got into the

medical bag."
Searle and Cardiff have been asked by the Football Association of Wales (FAW) to provide an explanation before the FAW decide what "It really is very unfair on action, if any, to take.

Morocco and Cameroon suffer football blows

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) Morocco and Cameroon, still smarting from humiliat-ing World Cup exits, suffered further blows to their football

pride at the weekend. Former winners Wydad Casablanca were eliminated from the African Champions' Cup after losing 2-0 away to AS Sogara of Gabon in the second round.

And Canon Yaounde made an unexpected exit at the same stage of the Cupwinners' Cup, despite defeating Agaza of Togo 1-0 at

The cup ties, originally scheduled for May, were delayed because the countries were preparing for the World

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overcall, was happy to accept.
West led the queen of spades to the three, two and ace. South's acthe three, two and act. South's acc did not fool West one bit—with the king of spedes East would have played some card higher than the deuce. At trick two, declarer re-turned a chib to West's acc and the

my for the taking—five clubs and the two high hearts. In addition, declarer had two spade tricks to bring the total to mine. If the conbring the total to more. If the con-tract were to be besten, the defaud-ers would have to take four more tricks in a hurry.

Only one suit offered any hope and it was not spades. The lone chance was four diamond tricks and to collect those East had to hold

either K 10 x or K x x x. Having worked out what partner needed to bold, the defense was easy to find. West shifted to the deuce diswest spinish to the beact the mond. East's king won and the re-turn of the ten sealed declarer's fate. Whether or not South covered, the defenders were bound to collect three more diamond tricks for a one-trick set.

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Man hurt while handling explosvies in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (AFP) - A man was slightly injured near Tel Aviv Sunday when an explosive device he was handling went off, police said. The man, whose identity was not revealed, injured his hand when he tried to throw a pipe filled with explosives out of his car window. Police caught him after he tried to flee the scene and began questioning

Thai police to seek arrest of two Saudis

BANGKOK (AFP) — Thai chief of police Pratin Santipragop said Monday he was seeking the arrest of two Saudi cificials in connection with a five-year-old gems theft case. Mr. Pratin told reporters he had requested warrants for a Saudi embassy official and a Saudi police officer who was here during an investigation into the \$20 million jewell theft from a Saudi palace in 1989. A Thai servant was arrested on returning home and convicted of the theft, but not all of the jewels were returned to the owner, and much of what was returned was fake. There was evidence to indicate both Saudi officials had been accomplices in the disappearance of some of the gems, Mr. Pratin said. He did not elaborate. Saudi Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Said Khoja cast doubt Monday on the allegations, saying Thai authorities were wasting time through such "manouvres" and should complete the investigation, which has dragged on for five years.

"Voice of Palestine' ends troadcasts from Algiers

TUNIS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has ended its radio broadcasts from Algiers. "The voice of Palestine" had broadcast an hour a day over Aigerian radio since 1966. PLO officials said Monday the exile station had been replaced by a Palestinian radio operating from the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the installation of a PLO-led Palestinian authority.

wo Fins held by Kurdish sparatists

ANKARA (R) - Kurdish separatist guerrillas kidnapped two Finnish tourists at the weekend after stopping their car in broad daylight at a roadblock in sutheastern Turkey. local officials said on Monday. The pair are still missing, but their car was recovered on Saturday along the highway between the provincial capital of Tunceli and the town of Pulumur in the largely Kurdish southeast, officials said. Turkish security officials identitifed the surnames of the two men as Hoktakainen, born in 1967, and Pollari, born in 1974. No other details were immedaitely available. A spokeswoman for the Finnish embassy confirmed the names but said she was awaiting further information from the Turkish foreign ministry.

'Gulf Air to resume flights to Sanaa

DUBAI (R) - Gulf air has decided to resume flights later this month to the Yemeni capital Sanaa, which were interrupted by Yemen's civil war, the United Arab Emirates (UAÉ) official news agency reported on Monday. The Emirates news agency quoted an official at Gulf Air, which is jointly owned by the government of Oman, Sahrain, Qatar and UAE member Abu Dhabi, as saying the airline would fly from Abu Dhabi to Sanaa twice a week. Regular commercial flights to Yemen were halted by a two-month civil war which ended in the defeat of southern secessionists on July 7.

Kabul starts probe into journalist's murder

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani has ordered an investigation into the July murder of an Afghan journalist, the president's special envoy Masood Khalili said here Monday. "We have initiated the investigation following a request from Amnesty Internaconal, Khalili told reporters here. The journalist, Mr. Wais Jalil, 25, who was working with the British Broadcasttag Corporation (BBC) in Kabul, was abducted on July 29 by unidentified gunmen while returning from an interview with Mr. Rabbani's rival Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. His body was found the next day in Kabul's Chelsitoon suburb, which is mainly controlled by Mr. Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami forces. A Hezb statement in Pakistan blamed the killing on Mr. Rabbani's secret service, saying the motive for the murder was to descredit Mr. Hekmatyar's party.

PLO security chief returns to Jericho

JERICHO (R) - A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official returned to the West Bank after years of calle on Monday to take charge of national security in the Palestinian self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho, witnesses said. Hakam Balawi, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's appointed to head Palestinian national security with the rank of a cabinet member, crossed the King Hussein Bridge from Jordan to Jericho where he was welcomed by PLO officials and relatives. PLO officials have been trickling home to manage Gaza and Jericho since Israel turned the areas over in May under terms of a peace deal with the PLO. Mr. Arafat himself has lived in Gaza since July.

Velayati calls for closer ties with India

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati called Monday for boosting relations and cooperation with India during a meeting with an Indian Muslim leader, the official Iranian news agency IRNA said. Mr. Velayati, in the meeting with Seyyed Abdullah Bukhari, praised existing cooperation between the two countries and called for an exchange of high-level delegations. "Such exchanges would have positive impact on the expansion of mutual ties," he said calling also for Muslim shrines, praised Iran's "contributions in establishing unity" among the world's Shiite and Sunni Muslims, IRNA said. "The enemies of Islam are trying to sow discored among Muslims," warned the prayer leader of New Delhi's main

Eight killed in floods in Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) -- Eight southern Sudanese were killed in floods that swept through a refugee camp near the capital Khartoum, a local newspaper said on Monday. The state-owned English-language New Horizon said torrential rains had destroyed many homes across Sudan in recent days. The eight died in Jabal Aulia camp, which houses southern Sudanese refugees some 45 kilometres south of Khartoum, after heavy rains in Khartoum last week and flooding into the camp from the Managil canal to the southeast. Some 120 dwellings were destroyed and 26,000 families exposed to water-borne diseases and malaria, New Horizon said. The paper said the worst affected by the rains were those who had been forcefully removed from squatter camps in Khartoum and sent to Jabal Aulia.



His Majesty King Hussein, flanked by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Secretary of State, addresses a joint press conference in Aqaba on Monday (Petra photo)

In talks with Mr. Abed

Rabbo and Mr. Husseini on

Sunday, Minister of State for

Foreign Affairs Talal Hassan

reaffirmed Jordan's stand

over the issue of Muslim

holy sites in Jerusalem and

the continued Hashemite

Jordanian role in exercising

religious jurisdiction over

According to Palestinian sources, the PLO leadership

is divided over the issue: One

school of thought acknow-

ledges the validity of the

Jordanian argument and

would like a quite approach

to the issue in tandem with

the Kingdom. Another sees

the Israeli move as a subter-

fuge to undermine the

Palestinian claim to Jeru-

"The second school, which is headed by Mr. Arafat,

believes in making as much

noise as possible over the

issue," said one Palestinian

source. "The first, which in-

cludes mostly pro-Jordanians

mainly in the middle level, is

arguing that a joint approach

with Jordan towards the issue

will be the most productive."

The dispatch of Mr. Abed

Rabbo and Mr. Husseini was

decided by a meeting of the Palestine National Authority

last week. The PLO deleg-

tion expected to visit Jordan will include several ministers

in the PNA, including Mohammad Zuhdi Nashashi-

bi, Yasser Amer and Mr.

Abed Rabbo, as well as Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim, the

former Palestinian ambassa-

dor to Jordan who is now

secretary-general of the

against the peace talks. They

cited the normalcy of life in

the Kingdom during the talks

and the expression of support

for the negotiations by the

majority of members of the

Lower House of Parliament

as a proof that the opposi-

tion's claim to representation

of the majority of Jordanians

is groundless.

The opposition to the talks

has thus far been mainly ex-

pressed through statements

issued by the opposition

opposition, has pledged to

resist the talks through legal

and constitutional means and

according to a programme its

Some IAF deputies.

however, were recently ques-

tioned by the prosecutor

general for "violating the

law" in Friday sermons. The

case ended after the IAF met

with government officials and

agreed to restrict its opposi-

tion to the talks to "constitu-

A sit-in in downtown Am-

man on July 25, when His

Majesty King Hussein met Israeli Prime Minister Yizhak

Rabin in Washington, was

the only step taken by the

opposition parties to demons-

trate public rejection of the

talks. But the sit-in was

attended by about 200 people

IAF sources said that the

governor of Amman rejected

a request to organise a rally

in opposition of the talks on

and lasted for two hours.

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Aug. 12.

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The IAF, which leads the

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High-level PLO team said due here in 10-days

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Two senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials returned to Jericho on Monday after preparing for the visit of a high-level team to Jordan in the next 10 days for talks on Jerusalem and other out-standing issues related to economy and security, Palestinian sources said.

They said the aim of the visit by Yasser Abed Rabbo, "minister" of information in the Palestinian self-rule territories of Gaza and Jericho, and Faisal Husseini, also a member of the Palestine National Authority (PNA), was to pave the way for a visit of a PLO team at "ministerial level" to discuss the issues.

"The delegation discussed arrangements for the visit. which should take place in the next 10 days," a Palestinian source told the Jordan Times. According to the source, the PLO delegation will also discuss "economic and security issues" - a reference to the outstanding economic cooperation agreement which PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has declined to

No Jordanian comment was immediately available.

Omar Khatib, the acting chief of the PLO mission here, confirmed in comments carried by the AP that Mr. Abed Rabbo and Mr. Husseini also discussed economic and security cooperation with Mr. Hassan.

The PLO delegation's visit came against the backdrop of a controversy sparked by the

By Ayman Al Safadi

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Opposition par-

ties on Monday urged Jorda-

nians to employ all available

resources to abort what they

called "a dangerous conspira-

cy which aims at normalising

relations with the enemy ...

endangering the sovereignty

and independence of the

In a statement issued to

protest the opening of a cros-

sing point between Aqaba and Eilat, eight opposition parties condemned the "un-

ustified eagerness and racing

towards normalisation with

The opposition eight,

which include the Islamic Ac-

tion Front (IAF), and leftists

and Pan-Arabist parties,

claimed that the steps that

Jordan and Israel took in the

past days go beyond what a

separate peace treaty with

Israel would have led to de-

spite the government's assur-

ances that no such treaty had

"What happened in Wadi

Araba and what the people

watched on television: The

opening of the new crossing

point between Agaba and

Eilat ... the hugging and

handshakes between generals

and retired officers from both

(countries) ... (and) equating

our martyrs with their killed

ones ... reflect a determina-

tion to destroy what is left of

the feeling among our people that (the Israelis) are our

enemies," the parties said in

the statement.

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the Zionist enemy."

state.

PLO over Israel's acknowledgement of Jordan's historic role as guardian of the Islamic holy shrines in Jeru-

The Israeli acknowledgement came in the Washington Declaration signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on July 25. Jordan has repeatedly said

since then that the acknowledgement did not have any bearing on the Palestinian quest for political sovereignty over Jerusalem and that it was upto the Palestinians and Israel to negotiate and finalise the political status of the

Despite the repeated Jordanian assurances that the Kingdom's religious role in the Holy City did not have any political bearings, the PLO has lodged protests with Israel, the United States, a co-sponsor of the peace process, the United Nations and the Arab League.

Mr. Arafat, who is arguing at the Israeli move undermined the PLO's political quest, also vented his anger by banning a Jordanianleaning newspaper, Al Nahar, from the self-rule

The PLO chairman also accused Mr. Rabin of violating the Israel-PLO autonomy agreement and demanded immediate negotiations on the status of Jerusalem. The autonomy accord puts off discussions on the final status of the Holy City until 1996.

Mr. Rabin rejected Mr. Arafat's demand but reiterated his commitment to negotiate the status of Jerusalem as scheduled in the

Opposition parties continue

What is regrettable, they

said, is that the government is

moving ahead in im-

plementing agreements it reached with Israel in secret

and open negotiations "in a

race with time before many

awake from the shock of all

that has happened."
Rejecting all the steps

taken by the government to-wards "normalisation," the

opposition parties protested

their leaders on our land be-

fore we regain our usurped rights in our land and holy

The statement was issued

one day after representatives

of the opposition met with Prime Minister Abdul Salam

Majali, who said Jordan was

making substantial progress

to regain its rights in land and

water in its talks with Israel.

ment respects the viewpoint

of the parties but stressed the

need to abide by the law and the Constitution in express-

ing political views.

The opposition eight had

earlier demanded that the

government "return to the

people" to find out where

they stand on the peace talks

with Israel, claiming that the

majority of Jordanians are

opposed to the new develop-

ments in the negotiations

with the Jewish state. They

also accused the government

of ignoring public opinion,

which they said rejects the

Supporters of the peace

peace talks by a majority.

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away the opposition claim

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — The main Islamic opposition group in the Palestinian self-rule areas criticised the leadership of. Yasser Arafat Monday, saying his government was acting like Israeli occupiers.

the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, was its sharpest attack yet on the administration of Mr. Arafat since it took over the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho in

"It is very strange to see the Palestinian National Auof occupiers and invaders," said the leaflet.

ernment often appeared to be carrying out Israel's orders. "They are arresting the

let added. Hamas warned it would confront the actions of Mr. Arafat's government. It has already staged a number of protests, including a sit-down by 600 people last week in Gaza against Mr. Arafat stacking the municipal coun-

out opposition groups.
"They (PNA) must know that our masses that rejected and confronted the occupation measures will confront similar acts from any side

The two-page communique said Mr. Arafat appeared incapable of standing up to the Israelis no matter what they did to the Palestinian National Authority supervising autonomy.

It said it was shameful that

Hamas: PNA is acting like occupying power

The leaflet distributed by

thority (PNA) performing the actions similar to the acts It said the Palestinian gov-

mujahedeen (holy fighters), chasing and trying them to serve the Zionists," the leaf-

cil with loyalists and keeping

whatsoever," the leaflet said.

Mr. Arafat was not able to travel in and out of Gaza without notifying Israel and had not been able to reach

Iericho in the West Bank

because the safe-passage

agreement had not been implemented. Israel said Monday it would issue special passes for the 19-member PNA, including Mr. Arafat. "All what Arafat is doing is complaining to the Israeli media about his humiliation and frustrations from

Rabin," the leaftlet said. Hamas also criticised Mr. Arafat for his crackdown on the Palestinian press. The authority banned distribution of Al Nahar daily.

Closing the paper left the two million Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza with just one daily paper, the pro-Arafat Al Quds.

"What kind of peace we are talking about? What kind of nationality does the au-thority claim?" the leaflet

Police protect Israelis

Palestinian police have been stepping in to protect Israeli soldiers from stonethrowing youths in the Gaza Strip, in a reversal of roles produced by the Gaza-Jericho autonomy accord, witnesses said Monday.

Palestinian police Sunday pushed back local youths who had broken through a sand barrier into an army base, smashing spotlights and throwing stones at Israeli sol-

The police released an 11year-old boy whom the Israelis had arrested and beaten up, witnesses said.

France holds 23 more in security crackdown

PARIS (AFP) — French police arrested 23 people overnight Sunday in operations following threats from Algerian Islamic fundamentalists, police said

In operations across Paris police stopped 1,400 cars and questioned over 2,000 people, leading to the 23 arrests. Some 50 people, including a number of foreigners whose papes were not in order, were helping police with their enquiries following a similar swoop the previous night. The Islamic Salvation

Army (AIS), the armed wing of Algeria's fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) threatened Saturday to exact reprisals inside France unless 17 FIS supporters, currently being held in the northeastern French village of Folembray, are released.

The 17 were detained on the orders of the interior ministry Friday and have all been served with deportation orders although no country has yet been found to take They were picked up in the

wake of the assassination of five French government officials by suspected fundamentalists outside Algiers Wednesday.

France is taking the AIS threat seriously and security has been tight ened accordingly, mainly in the capital.
In Paris two train stations, the Gare de l'Est and Gare de Lyon, were both closed for a time Sunday afternoon following telephone calls claiming bombs had been planted. Both calls turned

out to be hoaxes. The Algerian-Islamic ques-

tion has sparked much debate in the French press. The centre-left Liberation paper said: "Does France have the right to oppose an Islamistdominated regime coming to power in Algeria.

The FIS were poised to sweep to power in Algeria when in January 1992 the military stepped in to cancel the second round of elec-The centre-right Le Figaro

said: "France, despite :self, is about to become embryiled in a civil war which will return Algeria to a new midle-French foreign ministry

spokesman Richard Duque said Monday that Britain, Germany and the United States had all indicated they share France's concern over the situation in Algeria.

He said all three countries had been contacted via diplomatic channels at the end of last week and asked to prevent Algerian Islamic officials on their soil from engaging in political activities.

"All our partners have ex-

pressed sympathy and sent their condolences" he said, referring to the murders in Algiers.

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Peru's first ladv plans to return

LIMA (R) — Peru's first lady Susana Higuchi said she had abandoned government palace over a "difference of ideas" with her husband, President Alberto Fujimori, not because of "marital discord" and added she planned to return home. In a television interview, Mrs. Higuchi also said she was considering running for president to chal-lenge what she termed was an unconstitutional law barring members of the president's family from running for office. "There are differences over ideas and work and there are marital discord. Mrs. Higuchi said when asked why she left presidential palace. "It is clear that this week the differences over ideas become strong and well-known but that was not the case with marital prob-lems." Mrs. Higuchi left government palace Thursday, the same day her letter to each of Peru's 80 congressmen and the attorney general was published. It complained that an article of the law setting the rules for next April's vote was unconstitutional. Mrs. Higuchi said she had decided to take "a sort of vacation" in the home of her friend and former personal assistant Rene Odria in a well-to-do neighbourhood of the capital "to meditate in my own way without pressures. "In answer to the question will I return, of course (I will)," she added.

Thousands get insider's view of Buckingham Palace

LONDON (R) — Thousands of tourists visited Buckingham Palace, Queen Elizabeth's London home, when it opened its doors to visitors for the second year Sunday. The 4,500 timed entry tickets to 18 luxurious state rooms were sold by midday. A few people even queued over-night. "We've had a good day and are very pleased," a palace spokesman said. For the £8 (\$12.30) admission price, tourists got a glimpse of the royal residence including the throne room and galleries with masterpieces by Rembrandt and Leonardo Da Vinci. But as tourists trekked through the palace a row erupted over suggestions by opposition Labour politician Marjorie Mowlan who said a new modern palace should be built for the queen. In an article in the Mail On Sunday newspaper Mr. Mowlan said Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, west of the capital, were too oldfashioned and should be sold. "Frankly I think it's bizarre," National Heritage Secretary Stephen Dorrell told British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Television. "It doesn't show proper respect for this country's history. We should be seeking to draw strength from our history, not cut ourselves off from it," he added. Buckingham Palace, which was opened to the public for two months for the first time last year, proved to be a

net profit of £2.2 million (\$3.4 million). 2 wrongly jailed for 20 years get \$385 each

huge success. It attracted

379,000 visitors and made a

MANILA (R) - The Philippine government approved Monday the grant of 10,000 pesos (\$385) in compensation for 2 Filipinos held without charge for 20 years who have been ordered freed by the Surpeme Court. Justice Secretary Franklin Drilon told aides to give Leonardo Paquinto and Jesus Cabangunay the money, which is the maximum allowed under law. The two Filipinos will get 500 pesos (\$19.25) for every year they were in jail, officials said. In a decision released Friday, the 15-person Surpeme Court ordered the pair released and castigated the

government for blocking their release when records of On Thursday Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the case were lost in a blaze at a military camp during a "diplomatic approaches" coup attempt in 1989. "It is would be made to the three countries asking them to illogical and even absurd that Fulch plan "neutralise" FIS activists livbecause the government caning there. not prosecute them, the pris-A British Foreign Office oners' detention must conspokesman said Friday Algetinue. (They) should not be rians resident in the country detained in prison a minute were free as long they abided longer. They are ordered reby the law, adding some indileased immediately," the viduals claimed to have recourt declared in a sevensponsibilities within the FIS. page decision.